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MAN ACCUSED OF SWORD MURDER

Danny Jones

WITNESSES have told a crown court jury how an argument escalated, leading to an Oswestry teenager standing trial for murder this week.

Richard (Ricky) Reece, 19, from Lord Street, Oswestry, denied murdering 21 year old father-of-one Danny Jones, from Chirk when he appeared at Birmingham Crown Court.

Yesterday (Wednesday) three witnesses said they saw the fight escalate from an argument into a fist fight, which saw Mr Jones chasing Reece around the Oak Street car park near his home.

by Pam Griffin

Ian Thomas Gill, who went to college with Reece, said he was at the the defendant's house in Lord Street when the fight started. He said when he got to the house "the atmosphere was tense" and he could tell both Reece and Mr Jones had been drinking.

Once the fight started both he and Reece's then-girlfriend Zoe Pallatina, 19, followed them outside to try to break them up. But as the fight continued Reece ran back to his house and returned to the car park carrying a 30cm-long ornamental sword.

Mr Gill said: "I saw Ricky coming out of Lord Street and heading back to the car park. Danny was running towards Lord Street. Danny started to put his head down.

"I don't know if he was going to tackle Ricky or what. But he went into Ricky and then fell onto his back. I saw Danny stumble and fall towards Ricky.

Warned

"Then Danny was lying on his back on the floor."

Miss Pallatina said that when she saw Reece had a knife she warned Mr Jones not to go over to him. But, she said, he didn't listen to her.

"He was really angry, saying that he was going to slit Ricky's throat," she said.

"I said Ricky was just trying to scare him. I'd never seen Ricky like that before. He just looked scared and lost. I was screaming at him to take the knife away."

Ryan Christopher Windsor had been at The Centre youth club when a friend told him there was a fight going on outside.

He said: "Danny was punching Ricky with jabs to the face. Ricky took a few punches then he swung the weapon at him.

"There wasn't any major reaction from Danny. He carried on punching Ricky and then he hit the floor."

The trial at Birmingham began on Monday and is expected to last two weeks.

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Child sex pictures man faces prison term

A REGISTERED sex offender has been warned he faces jail after admitting making and possessing indecent images of children.

Stephen Meredith, 60, appeared at Welshpool Magistrates Court where he admitted four charges relating to indecent images of children.

Mrs Helen Tench, prosecuting, said that as a registered sex offender, police officers were making a routine check at Meredith's home at the Old Creamery, Four Crosses, near Welshpool, on May 2.

When they entered the home, Meredith told them he had "something on my computer that's not good".

Mrs Tench said: "Officers sent the computer off for examination and under interview the defendant said he was "weak-willed" and had nothing else in his life."

She said that he had also made a number of obscene searches on internet search engines. Indecent images of children are rated between levels one and five, with five being the most serious.

Miss Ceri Edwards, for Meredith, said he had admitted the charges at the earliest opportunity. The case was adjourned to Mold Crown Court for sentencing on November 14. Magistrates warned Meredith he is facing jail and he was given conditional bail.

Ex-addict is spared jail

A FORMER drug addict who stole more than £4,000 from the 82-year-old schizophrenic for whom she was caring, was spared prison after a judge heard she had recently given birth to a desperately sick child.

Laura Hughes, 23, stole cheques from two residents at Heatherdene care home in Oswestry, where she worked.

Shrewsbury Crown Court heard that Hughes had previously admitted to nine charges of theft and fraud. She asked for a further four charges to be taken in to consideration.

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Parishes to see first of £1m funds

SOME of the £1 million lottery funding awarded to three villages near Oswestry could be pressed into use in the next six months.

The lottery's Big Local Trust promised the money to the Three Parishes – Gobowen, Weston Rhyn and St Martins – more than three years ago to be used over 10 years.

Since then there has been several rounds of consultation on how the funds should be spend over the next 10 years but none of the £1 million has yet been released.

At a meeting of the Local Joint Committee for the area held in St Martins on Tuesday night, members of the Three Parishes, Big Local group, shared their vision for the area in 10 years time.

Chairman, Mr Nick Heard, said the project was not a sprint but a marathon. He added: "It's not about short term thinking. We've got 10 years or more to plan and deliver the best options for our area. None of the £1 million will be available until the community plan has been approved by the Local Trust."

Co-ordinator , David Boyce, said that the Big Lottery had, however, released £18,000 for small, "quick fix" projects.

"We would like to hear from anyone who has ideas for projects that could benefit," he said.

Time to turn clocks back

Jason Brindley, co-owner of the Value Centre on Leg Street in Oswestry, getting ready to put the clocks back this weekend. *Picture: Ian Sheppard.*

by Graham Breeze

AS the clocks go back this weekend motorists, cyclists and pedestrians are being warned to take extra care on the roads.

The Safer Roads Partnership in West Mercia warned that it will be increasingly difficult for motorists to see other road users.

Vicki Bristow, communications manager for the Safer Roads Partnership in West Mercia said: "Nationally road casualty rates increase with the arrival of darker nights and worsening weather conditions.

"These conditions affect all road users but especially children, the elderly, cyclists and motorcycles.

"As the nights draw in it is very important that all road users re-assess their journeys and account for the dangers of the darker evenings.

"We are advising all motorists to check their vehicles and for pedestrians and cyclists to ensure they are visible to other road users."

Live event will mark Christmas festivities

CHOIRS, music groups, a silver band and street entertainers will be filling Oswestry with festive cheer at its annual Christmas Live event.

Oswestry Christmas Live will be held on December 6 in the town centre and in Cae Glas Park.

Porthywaen Silver Band will be playing carols, supported by local choirs and musical groups, and street entertainers will be performing throughout the evening.

Children will be invited to take to the synthetic ice rink in Festival Square, and the town's Central car park will be taken over by enormous fairground rides for all the family.

Meanwhile, as well as being open for late night bargains, the indoor market will welcome a very special guest as Father Christmas takes up residence in his grotto. Children will be able to meet Santa in exchange for a donation to Hope House Children's Hospice.

To round out the evening of celebrations there will be a massive firework display at Cae Glas Park at 9pm.

Oswestry Town Council events manager David Clough said: "Oswestry Town Council introduced this event to help promote Oswestry as a visitor attraction and to boast the local economy."

Florist up for award

A WELSHPOOL florist has been shortlisted for a national award for helping make the biggest day of her customers' lives as perfect as possible.

Carol Morgan-Thomas, of Poppy's Florist in Church Street, Welshpool, has made the shortlist for Mid Wales Florist of the Year in the Welsh National Wedding Awards 2013.

The business, which opened in 1991, will find out the result, following a public vote and mystery shopper round on November 23 at a ceremony in Cardiff.

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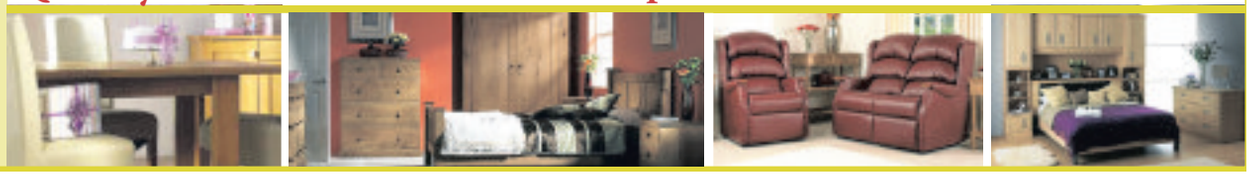

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Tasty treats on offer as town marks apple day

Apples galore at the Oswestry event.

A DAY dedicated to apples in Oswestry has been hailed as a success – and organisers have said they are confident it will grow further in the future.

Market stallholders, staff from shops and orchards, students and community groups took to the streets of Oswestry for the town's second annual apple day.

by Pam Griffin

David Clough, events manager at Oswestry Town Council and one of the driving forces behind the day, said this year's event, which was held on Saturday, attracted double the number of stalls of last year.

Attractions

Attractions during the day included apple-infused treats served to shoppers by staff from the Queen Anne Coffee Lounge in Bailey Street, while students from Walford & North Shropshire College's new restaurant cooked up date and apple cake and toffee apple cookies on a market stall on the Bailey Head.

Incredible Edible Oswestry had a stall selling bottles of apple juice which had been produced over the past month by volunteers donating apples for pressing days.

Sue Stedman, from the project, said: "We had lots and lots of apples and people coming up to do the pressing. I think we've made 80 bottles and we've got one more pressing day to do.

"We'll carry on selling the juice through Honeysuckle in Church Street and the money we raise will go back into community gardening projects."

Mr Clough said: "We did it last year for the first time, and this year we've more than doubled the number of stalls," he said.

"It's something we'll hopefully build on in the next couple of years and try to grow and grow."

Councillor Chris Schofield, mayor of Oswestry, said: "Oswestry has a wide and diverse range of events, including Apple Day, which make the town an interesting and fun place to visit.

"We plan to build on the success of events like Apple Day to create more and more events every year."

Pictured at Oswestry Apple Day is Mike Edwards, a volunteer with Oswestry-based Incredible Edible, working the apple press. *Pictures: Ian Sheppard.*

Shoppers taking an interest in the apples on offer at the Honeysuckle stall.

Trio tackle walk to raise cash for causes

MORE than £2,000 has been raised for good causes by three fundraisers who walked 135-miles for charity.

Megan Charman, 15, and her friend Katie Harding, also 15, who attend Caereinion High School in Llanfair Caereinion, and Megan's mum Rosemary Charman, walked Glyndwr's Way from Knighton, arriving in Welshpool two weeks later.

The trio raised £2,233 which will be split between the British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research and the Stroke Association.

The route went from Knighton, down to Llanidloes and west to Machynlleth then north to Lake Vyrnwy, reaching a maximum height of 1,530ft at Foel Fadian, before finishing in Welshpool.

Megan's mum Rosemary, who works for Welshpool Town Council, was recruited to the effort and the trio set out with the aim of raising as much money as possible for their chosen charities which were picked because all three have family members and friends who have suffered from the illnesses.

Megan said: "I'm pleased I did it, I gained a great sense of achievement and it was for a very good cause."

Rosemary added: "Some days were harder than others, but we thoroughly enjoyed doing something that was out of our comfort zone."

Halloween fun on the railway

THE Cambrian Railways will run the popular ghost train from its Llynclys platform near Oswestry on Saturday.

There will be plenty of halloween fun at the railway from 6.30pm with fireworks and food available. Tickets are £4.95 for adults and £2.50 for children.

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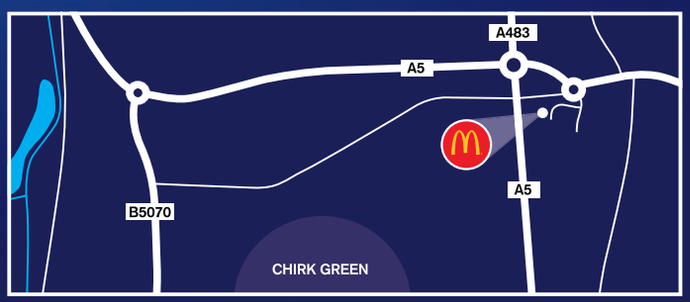

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Warning by police on use of cannabis

POLICE in the Oswestry area have warned that they will not tolerate the smoking of cannabis.

A man seen smoking the drug close to the towpath of the canal at Chirk Bank was stopped by a police community support officer earlier this week.

He was then given an official warning by a police officer.

Community Support Officer, Dave Hughes, said: "People think that they can get away with smoking cannabis but we will not tolerate it.

"People will receive an official warning and, if they continue to flout the law then they could be prosecuted."

He said the officers covering Oswestry Rural North were ensuring that they were out and about in the area as much as possible.

"We have mobile computers that means we can complete our paperwork without having to return to the police station."

Man admits club attack

A MAN launched an unprovoked attack on a another man in a nightclub , a court heard.

Martin Evans, 33, of Bryn y Ddol, Welshpool, floored Nathan France with a single punch to the face, causing seven fractures to his eye socket and knocking him out.

Evans admitted a charge of inflicting grievous bodily harm without intent when he appeared at Welshpool Magistrates Court yesterday after the attack at Moltos nightclub in Welshpool on April 7.

Magistrates adjourned sentencing until November 14.

Man, 19, denies murdering friend with knife in clash

by Pam Griffin

A 19-YEAR-OLD stabbed and killed a trainee accountant with a 30cm-long sword in an Oswestry car park, a murder trial heard.

Richard Reece has denied murdering Danny Jones during a fight on April 24.

But on the first day of his trial, which is being held at Birmingham Crown Court, the jury heard that Mr Jones was fatally injured after getting involved in a fist fight with Reece outside Reece's home at the time in Lord Street, Oswestry.

Mr Robert Price, prosecuting, said: "Our case is that Richard Reece deliberately and forcefully stabbed Danny Jones with the knife – a large lethal weapon with a 30cm blade.

"The defendant and Danny Jones knew each other quite well.

"But during the evening of April 24, which was a Wednesday, they became involved in an argument. The argument spilled out onto the street and into the Oak Street car park at the end of Lord Street."

Mr Price said during the fight both men were punching, kicking and grappling with each other.

Surgery

"They were exchanging blows, but that changed quite dramatically in an extremely dangerous fashion when Richard Reece made the decision to arm himself with an item variously described by witnesses as a short ornamental sword or a long knife," he said.

"He returned to the car park with it. The two men came close to each other and at that stage our case is that this defendant quite deliberately stabbed him in the stomach.

"The fatal stab wound penetrated his stomach to a depth of 20cm. It damaged two major veins inside his body.

"That wound caused massive blood loss from which he ultimately died later that same night," Mr Price added.

Mr Jones, who was 21, died in hospital later that night while undergoing emergency surgery.

Reece was arrested by police after turning himself in during the early hours of the following morning.

The teenager, wearing a white striped shirt, spoke only to confirm his name during the hearing.

Girlfriend tells how argument became a fight

THE former girlfriend of the teenager accused of murdering Danny Jones has told his trial about the fight which led up to the death.

Zoe Pallatina, 19, told the jury how she had seen a conversation between her then-boyfriend Richard Reece, also 19, and Danny Jones, 21, escalate from a disagreement into a fist fight.

Giving evidence at Birmingham Crown Court on Tuesday, she said on April 24 she returned home to Lord Street, Oswestry, where she lived with Reece at the time, to find him and Mr Jones drinking beer together. She said after they had drunk a crate of beer and bottles of spirits, an argument started.

"I heard Danny talking about his son and getting quite defensive about him. He thought Ricky said something about him and was getting quite aggressive," she said.

Miss Pallatina said the pair took their argument outside where she saw Mr Jones push Reece.

She said she went outside and Reece was on the floor. She said Reece then got up and ran to the nearby Oak Street car park, where he was followed by Mr Jones, and the fight continued. "I tried to separate them but I couldn't," she said.

"I think Ricky had managed to get loose and he ran off towards Lord Street. I stayed with Danny to talk to him.

"When I turned around Ricky was there at the top of Lord Street staring at us. He had a long blade in his hand."

The trial continues.

Flashback to April and the scene at Oak Street Car Park, Oswestry, as police investigations were under way.

Floral tributes at the end of Lord Street, next to Oak Street Car Park.

Police tape at the passage between numbers 2 and 4 Lord Street.

NEWS in brief

Church to host a fashion show

HOPE Church in Laburnum Drive, Oswestry, will be hosting a fashion show on Saturday, November 9, with a variety of items from high street stores on offer at a minimum of 50% discount.

Organiser VJ Lonsdale of Hope Church said: "We held an "SOS Fashion Show" the same time last year and it went really well with many ladies asking when the next one would be."

Tickets are £5 and refreshments will be available. To book tickets or for more information contact VJ on 07964 726 407 or **vj@hopechurchoswestry.org.uk**

Crafts on display at memorial hall

MOTHER and daughter businesswomen Susan Lambourne and Jo Turner are hosting an exhibition of jewellery, crafts and original artwork at the Memorial Hall in Oswestry on Saturday.

The annual show, Something Special, will feature local craft workers from wood turners to portrait sketchers.

Jams and chutneys, knitting and fabric, cards and scrapbooking will also be on offer as well as refreshments. The event is open from 9am to 5pm.

Building advice on offer at event

ANYONE interested in the benefits of building an eco property should not miss the next meeting of Oswestry Civic Society.

Designer and craftsman Ben Gardiner, who has transformed his Llansilin home into an eco house will be passing on his knowledge on Monday, November 11 at St Oswald's Parish Centre.

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Parents taking a stand in fight for pedestrian crossing

PARENTS have resorted to standing in the road themselves so their children can cross a busy main route through Gobowen to get to school safely.

Campaigners say the parents' frustration illustrates how desperately a pedestrian crossing is needed on St Martins Road.

Families have had to take their chances crossing the main route to get to the village's primary school ever since their lollipop man gave up the role.

by Sue Austin

A campaign was launched at the beginning of this year to put pressure on Shropshire Council to provide a pedestrian crossing.

More than 750 people have signed petitions backing the idea.

Grandmother Dot Basham, 64, has been leading the campaign. She said: "I think it is now absolutely critical now to have that crossing. The situation has become so bad that parents themselves are having to act as informal lollipop men and women.

"We were told we would get a crossing in September, well September has come and gone."

Max Hodge, who collects his grandchildren, six-year-old Jack and three-year-old Luke, said that until recently there were lollipop attendants on both the St Martins road and the road to the A5 bypass.

"The school is wedged in between two fast roads," he said.

A speed van has been sited at the side of the road on regular occasions near the village primary school as part of the crackdown.

The road safety group has vowed to continue to work to bring speeds down.

Parents and children wait to cross the busy road.

Hospital backs campaign on bone factures

A HOSPITAL which carried out more than 7,000 bone density scans last year is backing this week's launch of a national campaign to prevent bone fractures.

The Stop at One campaign is urging people to have a bone check after a fracture, especially those over the age of 50.

Figures released by the National Osteoporosis Society to mark National Osteoporosis week have revealed that a fracture relating to osteoporosis occurs once every two minutes across the UK.

Dr Mark Garton, consultant physician who specialises in osteoporosis at The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (RJAH), in Oswestry, said: "The new 'Stop at One' campaign has our full support."

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Petition against plans for housing

MORE than 100 people have signed a petition against plans to build homes in Morda.

Campaigners against the proposed development off Old Mapsis Way have claimed it would result in the loss of greenfield space.

It comes after applicant Elizabeth Burton altered and resubmitted plans to build 10 homes on the site after Shropshire Council's planning committee refused permission for the development last month.

A planning statement in support of the bid criticised the content of the council's report on the first application, claiming it had "grossly over-stated" the level of community opposition.

But nearly a dozen residents have now objected to the revised bid for 10 homes and one of the objectors Patricia Broad has started a petition against the plan.

Mrs Broad said in her letter of objection that she believed the council had taken the right decision in rejecting the earlier application and questioned the claim in a letter from the developer that the level of public opposition had been over-stated.

Mrs Broad said: "The council made the correct decision taking into consideration the Oswestry borough local plan and adopted core strategy."

Carer who stole from pensioner spared jail

A FORMER drug addict who stole more than £4,000 from the 82-year-old schizophrenic for whom she was caring, was spared prison after a judge heard she had recently given birth to a desperately sick child.

by Graham Breeze

Laura Hughes, 23, stole cheques from two elderly and vulnerable residents at Heatherdene care home in Oswestry, where she worked.

Shrewsbury Crown Court heard on Monday that Hughes, who worked at the care home in 2010-11, had previously admitted to nine charges of theft and fraud. She asked for a further four charges to be taken in to consideration.

Judge Paul Barrie sentenced Hughes to 16 months imprisonment concurrent for each charge, suspended for two years. He also ordered her to perform 150 hours of unpaid work.

He said: "I see you have turned your life around, you are clean of drugs and I give you credit for that.

"In January you had a baby with very serious disabilities. For these two reasons, and for these very exceptional circumstances, I will suspend a sentence in prison."

The court heard that staff noticed cash and cheques belonging to an elderly pensioner had disappeared.

Hughes had worked at the home on a trial basis, but had not been offered employment once the trial period was over. She did, however, return to the home on several occasions to visit residents.

When interviewed by police, Hughes admitted she had visited the lady and told her she was 'skint' and the lady had offered her money.

Mr Phillip Beardwell, prosecuting, said: "She took two cheques from the lady's chequebook after telling her she was in debt, she needed the money. She admitted stealing cash. She had a cocaine problem."

Another resident at the home noticed cheques were missing from her cheque book while Hughes was working there.

The court heard that her grandson contacted the bank and saw that the signature on the cheques did not match his grandmother's.

Mr Andrew McInnes, for Hughes, said she had shown genuine regret and remorse.

Conflicting signs baffle drivers

Confusing signs on the road in Chirk.

DRIVERS have been left baffled after being faced with conflicting speed limit signs in Chirk.

The standing signs at the entrance to the village have been changed to mark the new 30mph limit on the road.

But painted signs in the road still suggest that the road has a 40mph limit.

Motorists said they were a bit puzzled by the double speed limit signs.

Car driver Ray Hughes said: "Lodgevale was previously a 40mph limit and now 30mph. The council have left the 40mph sign on the road, which is not helpful."

Mary Rogers, 62, of Chirk Bank, a retired secretary, said she popped into Chirk occasionally to visit friends.

"I was a bit surprised to see the numbers on the road and then the 30 on the sign. I assumed it was a 30mph zone, but it wasn't very clear."

Student Dan Edwards, 18, from Chirk, said: "It was a bit odd. I'm learning to drive so I make sure I look at the signs.

"It was a bit of a laugh to see the two signs."

Gareth Jones, spokesman for Wrexham Borough Council, said the highways officers were aware of the conflicting signs.

He said the road does have a 30mph speed limit and that the 40mph sign would be removed once contractors could be sent out.

He said: "We are aware of the issue and our contractors will be out to remove the 40mph sign shortly."

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

WHAT is it about the British public's obsession with weather forecasting?

Why is it so important for us to know exactly how much rain will rattle against the window or how strong the gusting winds will be tomorrow?

I can understand the farming community's concerns with animals under threat from rising rivers or homeowners whose properties face flooding, but for the life of me I cannot fathom the constant weather warnings we face on a daily basis.

Presenters on TV are making healthy livings and becoming celebrities, simply from reading out forecasts, and what really winds me up is the daily need to send them out to stand in the rain, wind and snow just so that we are left in no doubt about the conditions.

One national newspaper in particular revels in warning us that the worst conditions on record are heading our way.

This week the Daily Express warned the entire country is set for a horror freeze which will bring brutal winds and fierce blizzards. Articles warn of "record breaking snowfall" in November. And we are told to expect the worst conditions for over 100 years.

This follows their warnings last month that so much rain was heading our way that we should consider following Noah's example by reaching for hammers, nails and a good supply of wood to build an ark.

Well yes it's been raining but I haven't needed to search out the wellington boots and the woollies are still tucked away.

And yes this week's rain caused a little bit of flooding, but it was hardly catastrophic.

We always seem to be talking ourselves into a crisis. Yes, let's be ready for winter but let's remember it's nothing we haven't seen before.

Winter will come and winter will go and nature will sometimes produce the unexpected, but I for one will continue to turn the weather forecast off.

And what's more I won't be buying the Daily Express – I can get depressed without the help of that particular tabloid.

I'm more concerned about the cost of keeping warm this winter.

What really wound me up this week was seeing at first hand the horrendous state of our national health system.

With a family member taken to hospital as an emergency it was alarming to wait eight hours for a bed and 36 hours for urgent surgery as the theatre list grew beyond control. Several promises of imminent action came and went with nursing staff facing the wrath of queueing patients as surgical teams struggled to cope.

Politicians take note – investment is needed NOW.

Mike's work has saved Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital around £250,000.

An aerial view of the hospital where Mike works as a physiotherapist.

Physio Mike nominated for top national award

A hospital physiotherapist is in line for a top award. JON PRITCHARD reports.

A PHYSIO who has helped save Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital around £250,000 has been nominated for a prestigious national award.

Mike Delahay, who has worked at Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital for seven years, has been nominated for a Chartered Society of Physiotherapy 2013 Award.

Mr Delahay is up against some stiff competition in the final of the "raising the profile of the profession" category of the awards.

The other finalists are the two physiotherapists from Bolton Wanderers and Tottenham Hotspur football clubs who helped resuscitate Fabrice Muamba when he collapsed after suffering a heart attack during a match last year.

Mr Delahay has offered physiotherapy services to staff at the RJAH for the last three years, helping reduce staff sick days.

The 39-year-old, from Oswestry, said: "A lot of the ward staff come in with back problems, while people who work in admin or at desks often have shoulder or neck problems. The staff self-referral scheme has treated 250 patients every year since it was set up in 2010.

"The scheme has saved the trust an estimated £250,000 in reduced staff sickness absence due to disorders of bones, joints and muscles.

"The main thrust of the scheme is that for those off sick, the earlier a member of staff sees a physiotherapist the quicker they return to work and the fewer days off sick they have.

"Also the majority of staff seen are now able to avoid going off sick and continue work due to intervention from the physiotherapy team."

Physio Mike Delahay has been nominated for a top award.

Mike is up against the physiotherapists from Bolton Wanderers and Tottenham Hotspur who helped resuscitate Fabrice Muamba, pictured above. The player collapsed during a match after suffering a heart attack.

Mr Delahay added: "It's great just to be nominated, to be honest, but if I do win it will be great for the hospital."

Ruth Tyrrell, associate director of human resources at RJAH, said: "'Since the introduction of our fast track physiotherapy service in 2010, annual sickness levels have reduced, from over four per cent a year, to 3.5 per cent currently.

"Physiotherapy is one of the biggest contributory factors and this has allowed us ensure better availability of staff to treat patients and to contain costs."

This year the special award ceremony, to recognise and reward excellence in the physiotherapy profession, will be held at the Hotel Russell, London, on November 22.

The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is a leading orthopaedic centre of excellence.

The trust provides a comprehensive range of musculoskeletal surgical, medical and rehabilitation services.

The hospital has eight inpatient wards including a private patient ward, ten operating theatres, as well as extensive outpatient and diagnostic facilities.

CHART TOPPERS RAY SPILLER

Over 50 years ago The Music Charts started and this column will look back at the charts on this very day……

….October 19 2013 – 13, 23, 33 and 43 years ago

THIRTEEN YEARS AGO… 2000

From All Saints Road, London, the vocal girl band All Saints were back at number one for the second time this year with Black Coffee. This was their fifth number one in the seven singles they had released and their last number one hit – they split in 2001. Canadian sisters Nicole and Natalie Appleton have since gone solo.

TWENTY THREE YEARS AGO…1990

Maria McKee enjoyed a four-week stay at the top with Show Me Heaven – her only record inside the top 30 ever. The US star tried with four more records during the early 1990s but unfortunately none of them made the top 30 and since 1993 Maria has been out of the limelight.

THIRTY THREE YEARS AGO…1980

One of the 1980s most popular acts were The Police and in 1980 Don't Stand So Close To Me became their third number one single which held the top spot for four weeks – one of the best-selling records of the year. Two further singles found their way to the top in 1981 and 1983.

FORTY THREE YEARS AGO…1970

Freda Payne has had one record inside the top 30 but Band of Gold was good enough to reach number one for six weeks before stepping to one side for Matthews Southern Comfort.

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The Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) recently introduced a facility for creating an LPA online via their website, which guides you through completing the required paperwork. However, once the document is completed, it must still be printed and signed by the relevant parties in a strict order and timescale.

Before the LPA may be used, it must be registered with the OPG and any errors in the form or in the timing of signatures could mean that it is invalid. The fee for registering LPAs is £110 from 1st October 2013 but discounts are available if you receive a low income or certain benefits.

It is vital that you consult a legal professional before creating an LPA online to ensure that you understand the implications of giving away such a great responsibility. Once registered, an LPA can be used by your attorneys to transfer money in and out of your bank accounts, sell your property and in the case of a Health and Welfare LPA, take critical decisions regarding your medical treatment.

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Concerns over fuel bills are growing

WITH colder weather around the corner, and further gas and electricity price rises predicted, millions of people across the UK will be extremely concerned about how they'll pay their fuel bills this winter.

We know that this issue is widespread amongst the people we help, and our research last winter found that almost two-thirds of people on low incomes were not sure if they could meet their fuel costs without experiencing financial hardship.

In addition to rising energy prices, the costs of other everyday essentials are on the increase.

With personal finances being increasingly stretched and in response to the largest shake-up of the UK benefits system, Turn2us has launched a new, free and easy-to-use online benefits calculator at **benefits.turn2us.org.uk**

The new calculator is a vital tool to help more people access the financial support they may be entitled to.

The calculator helps individuals to find out what welfare benefits they are entitled to, how much they should receive and how to make a claim.

It also links to our grants search tool to help people find other sources of support from charitable funds.

We urge anyone who is struggling to check their eligibility for financial help now – it could make all the difference this winter and beyond.

ALISON TAYLOR
Director
Turn2us

Advantage for bombers

THE decision to publish some of the revelations brought to light by Edward Snowden is an appalling act.

It is not without reason that people in this country fear terrorism. To reveal the secrets of those who are trying to protect us is to hand would-be bombers and their kind the advantage.

Ask those families in the Westgate Centre in Nairobi, or those on the Tube in London when bombers struck. The mantra this is "in the public interest" will not do.

It is bad enough to appease evildoers; it is worse to be giving them signposts.

IAN MELLOR
Oswestry

Alarmed to hear of ShropDoc threat

I WAS alarmed when I read the article informing us that from November 11, the ambulance service was to take over the running of the NHS 111 non-emergency service. But the real shock came when I read that this may lead to the demise of ShropDoc.

I have had to use the ShropDoc service twice and I have found it to be excellent. On both occasions within 20 minutes of making my initial call I was talking on the telephone to a doctor, and on both occasions within 30 minutes of the conversation I was actually with that doctor.

On the first occasion I underwent a minor operation which was carried out by ShropDoc without having to refer me to the accident and emergency department.

On the second occasion ShropDoc gave me a letter which admitted me to surgical assessment, again without having to go through A&E.

Although I have the greatest respect and admiration for trained ambulance staff, they are not qualified doctors and I am quite sure that in both the cases which I have quoted they would have been left with no option but to refer me to a doctor, and almost certainly to an overworked understaffed A&E.

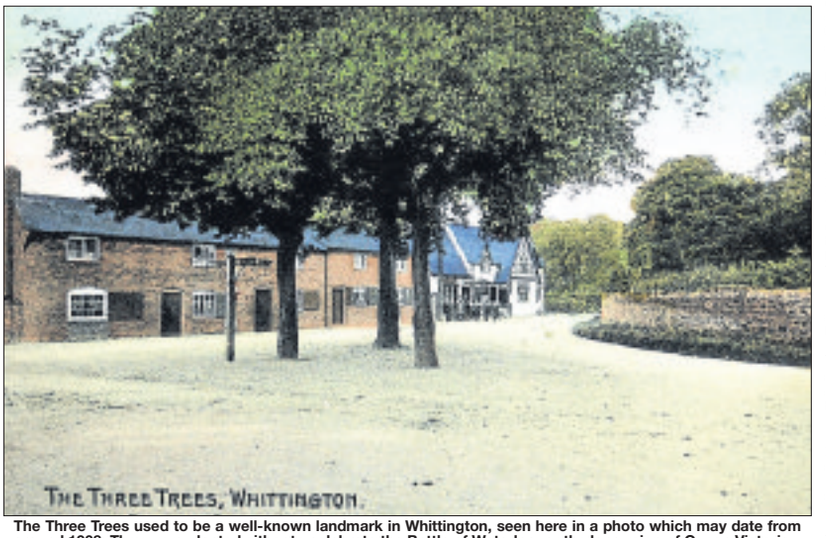
I think ShropDoc is providing a five star service which will not be improved by the proposed change.

I think it will be costly and at the end of the day patients are not being seen by a qualified doctor.

I think this proposed scheme is ill thought out and will make more work for an already overworked A&E department.

Leave well alone.

S ROWLANDS,
Shrewsbury



The Three Trees used to be a well-known landmark in Whittington, seen here in a photo which may date from around 1908. They were planted either to celebrate the Battle of Waterloo, or the long reign of Queen Victoria – most accounts seem to say the former. They were felled in 1972. Later some silver birch successors were planted. However, one died, a second had to be removed because it was leaning, and the last tree was blown down in a gale three years ago. This photo comes from Mrs Diana Humphreys, of Maesbrook.

Plebgate police are losing their credibility

THE police are seemingly at it again. When will they learn?

We have the recent case of Andrew Mitchell MP who met with three police officers in Sutton Coldfield last October to give his account of what happened at the "Plebgate" incident in Downing Street. We now find the officers may have distorted the truth of what took place in the meeting.

Do they realise just how much damage they are doing to the credibility and trust of the police force in the eyes of the public?

Bob Jones, the police commissioner for one of the forces involved, spoke at length on about fairness to both sides.

The hope was that when police commissioners were appointed the public would have someone to hold the police to account on their behalf, not someone who sounded more like a politician defending the police force, as one would expect a police spokesman to do.

We need independent thinking people as commissioners, not poodles.

Events like this cause serious damage to trust, and without the support of the public, their job would become almost impossible.

There is no doubt that the majority of the police do a good job even if their management could be vastly improved.

JOHN GITTINS,
Ruyton-XI-Towns

Thinly veiled threats over staying in EU

NISSAN says we should stay in the EU – the barely veiled threat being the loss of its factory here.

Nissan also has a major "alliance" with Renault, owned by the French state.

Railways, car factories, utilities and now the postal system – why is it only us that sells out state industries for obscene gain, while retaining the pensions obligations for the taxpayer to pick up?

Neil Kinnock says we must stay in but again, his pension relies on him supporting the EU.

We must leave, and the sooner David Cameron stops prattling on about renegotiation – it's not allowed and not practical against other countries vested interests.

A J ASTLEY
Ellesmere

LETTERS to the Editor

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Lower badger numbers may have effect on bTB

A LOCAL badger population number will directly affect any ability it has in spreading a disease.

There are fewer badgers than thought in Somerset, therefore they will be much less the vector or causal agent for this disease in local cattle. Has the Government adjusted its figures and statistics relating to the possibility of badgers being carriers according to the lower badger population?

It is likely that the Government and its advisors have also drastically overestimated the badger population in England.

The cull is based on miscalculation and should be abandoned as incorrect science.

I fear that bTB will remain widespread in cattle, because of cattle movement and modern farming, feed stuffs and land treatment methods, whilst the badger may be driven to extinction in some areas.

J MCCARTHY
Oswestry

Changing seasons

Now once again spring is here
With snowdrops everywhere
Soon will follow daffodils
And the start of another year
Then will follow summertime
When the crops begin to grow
See bright yellow of rapeseeds fields
Making their spectacular show
Now it is autumn's harvest time
See farmers bring in their crops
Time for picking chestnuts
Before they are ruined by Jack Frost
Winter appears with all its might
The clocks go back, now dark at night
Looking out the window at break of dawn
To see snow falling and covered the lawn

DAVE COPPARD
Arddleen

Our morning raised £826

I WOULD like to thank everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee morning in Whittington. Those who made coffee, manned stalls and helped by donating prizes, cakes, preserves, produce and books for the stalls.

Thanks to all who came along, gave generous donations and enjoyed a coffee and a chat with friends.

£826 was raised.

RITA MOIR
Whittington

Thanks to Link

I WOULD like to thank Shropshire Link for the service it has given us, it's been wonderful, taking my husband in the wheelchair now and again. The drivers have all been helpful. How sad it's come to an end.

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Freemasonry in Oswestry
The Lodge of St Oswald is holding an "Open Evening" on Friday 15th November next from 6.00pm to 8.00pm at Freemasons' Hall, Roft Street, Oswestry.
Any gentlemen, and their spouses or partners, who may be interested in finding out more about Freemasonry in general and its involvement in Oswestry in particular, are cordially invited to attend and they will be welcomed by members of the Lodge.
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Goodness, doesn't time fly? Christmas is coming and the Llangedwyn Annual Food Fair is back, this year with more stands, more variety and hopefully, more visitors.
Last year's event brought in much needed and much appreciated income for the Llangedwyn C in W Primary School. Head Teacher Sarah Chandler said "Last year, we were so pleased to see the great support we received from folks in and around the Llangedwyn area. Thanks to the help and hard efforts of our team, this year we are looking forward to a bigger event with a wider range of stallholders."
Not only will there be a larger number of exciting and tasty products on sale inside, two outdoor food stalls will offer scrumptious burgers, and sausages, plus a touch of Spain with delicious Paella cooked on the spot for maximum freshness.
So make a date in your diary. It's the best occasion to stock up before the Christmas rush gets under way. Tea, coffee, cold drinks and yummy home made cakes will be available inside - see you there!

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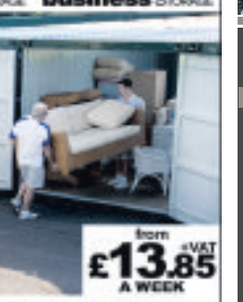
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Pair are hailed for their part on course

TWO young people have been presented with certificates for taking part in a Rotary leadership course.

Daniel Renwick and Robin Edwards, who both study at Oswestry School, were put forward for the Rotary Young Leader Award course at Arthog residential centre, near Fairbourne on the Mid Wales coast, by Borderland Rotary Club.

They visited the club's latest meeting this week to tell members about the course.

Robin said: "The main aim we had was improving our confidence, not only in ourselves but also in social situations. It pushed us out of our comfort zones and into situations with people we had never met before.

"We learned so many different activities, from surfing to gorge walking to rock climbing. Apart from the physical skills we picked up we had to adapt to work together to get a task complete. It really does make you think more.

"The RYLA course has really given us the impetus to push ourselves and get out there and work with other people to the best of our abilities."

Borderland Rotary meets on a Wednesday at 7.30pm at the Sweeney Hall Hotel.

More information on the Borderland club can be found at **www.borderlandrotary.co.uk**

Youth club on tour of area

OSWESTRY Youth Club is touring the area on a special bus to encourage young people to get involved with the club.

The buses, packed with games and information leaflets, are visiting rural areas around Oswestry on Monday nights throughout October.

8,000 foodies flock across border to enjoy festival

MORE than 8,000 foodies descended on a two-day food festival near the Shropshire border to enjoy local produce and see top chefs in action.

Visitors to Hamper Llangollen Food Festival were able to browse stalls stocking the likes of hand-produced liquors, spice infused honey, home churned butter and decorated cup cakes.

Celebrity chefs, including Graham Tinsley, Harri Wyn Jones and Dai Chef, were on hand throughout the weekend to demonstrate cooking techniques and some of their own award-winning recipes.

A number of producers from Shropshire and Mid Wales manned stalls at the event and were inundated with interest from the thousands of visitors to Llangollen Pavilion.

Organisers have hailed the event as a success and said the combined attendance over Saturday and Sunday was close to being a record.

The festival has been named as being in the top 10 in Britain and organisers have claimed it contributes about £400,000 a year to the area's economy with £156,000 being spent at the event and a further £234,000 being spent in the town and the surrounding area. Farming mum and daughter, Mary Huxley, 77, and Louise Fielding, of Rowe Farm in Condover, demonstrated the art of real butter making at their Victorian Farm Butter stall.

The Shrewsbury-based Little Round Cake Company and Hilltop Honey of Newtown both had stalls at the festival.

Beer festival cheers success of cricketers and brewery

by Graham Breeze

REAL ale lovers raised a glass to toast a trio of achievements in Oswestry this weekend.

Oswestry Beer Festival was held at the town's cricket club over two days as a triple celebration of Oswestry Cricket Club winning back-to-back promotions to reach the 1st Division of the Birmingham Premier Cricket League; the success of Oswestry's Stonehouse Brewery winning Champion Beer in the standard bitters category at the prestigious BEERX awards run by the Society of Independent Brewers; and the seven-year success of The Oswestry Food and Drink Festival, organised by The Best Of Oswestry, which has become an established event on the calendar attracting thousands of visitors into the town centre each year.

The ticket-only event was a sell-out, with more than 250 people coming through the doors.

Cocktails

Organiser Hugh Roberts said: "We're really grateful for the support from the public and especially from Stonehouse Brewery and John Waine from The Best Of Oswestry.

"We want to make this an annual event now. This year we kept it to a limited number of beers but next year we might add to those and I think we'll do cocktails as well."

Stonehouse Brewery used the festival to launch its latest brew, the Winter Wit Beer, made especially for the colder weather with orange peel and winter spices.

Darron Humpreys, whose company Prudant Financial Planning Services sponsored one of the beers, said he'd seen mixed reactions to the new brew.

"It's a bit like Marmite – you either love it or hate it," he said.

From left are Graham Roberts, one of the sponsors, Josh Coleridge, barman. Gwilym Owen, cricket club president, and Andrew Clarke, cricket club chairman.

"It tastes like it's got cinnamon in it, and if you like mulled wine I think you'll like it.

"We sponsored the Purple Moose beer, Dark Side of the Moose, and that's sold better than anything else I believe."

The festival offered other local beers , including offerings from Tunnfield Brewery in Minsterley and Salopian brewery in Shrewsbury, while three ciders were supplied by Llangollen-based Rosie's Cider.

Liz Coleridge, from Hi-Style Salon in Oswestry, said she sponsored one of the beers.

"I've been here as a family member with the children many times, and my eldest son plays for the team," she said.

"It was an opportunity to give something back to the club for all the good they do in the community.

"No one knew what to expect from the festival, but it was worth doing because I know how popular beer festivals are and if the festival was a success it would get the club more well known."

Spotlight on young people at LJC event

YOUNG people will be featured at a meeting of Oswestry Local Joint Committee today (Thursday).

The meeting will be held at The Centre, which was built a year ago to replace the Centre North West building in Oak Street in the town.

Councillor Vince Hunt, chairman of Oswestry LJC, said the meeting would provide an ideal chance for residents to look round The Centre and hear about some of the activities that take place there.

Representatives from a number of groups and organisations that involved young people have also been asked to attend and give a short talk about their activities.

These include The Marches School, Oswestry Youth Council, Kinokulture and Fusion Arts.

"There are so many wonderful young people in society who do not get credit for what they are doing. I wanted to showcase the young people of Oswestry at this meeting," said Councillor Hunt.

During the event there will also be a community police officer in attendance to hear about people's worries in the town. All are welcome to attend the meeting, which will start at 7pm.

College idea not new to county

A 'NEW' type of vocational college to prepare young people for the workplace is not new to Shropshire.

"Career colleges" would cater for 14 to 19-year-olds combining core curriculum subjects with hands-on vocational learning.

Andrew Tyley, principal of Walford and North Shropshire and Aspire colleges, with campuses in Oswestry, Walford in north Shropshire and Burford near Bridgnorth said students had been enjoying vocational courses in the county for about 10 years.

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Contest is aimed at young butchers

THE top young butchers in Wales are being given the perfect platform to showcase their skills and prove they are a cut above the rest.

The nation's most talented young butchers will demonstrate their knife and presentation skills in front of an enthusiastic audience at the Royal Welsh Winter Fair in Builth Wells on Tuesday, December 3

The Welsh Young Butcher Competition 2013 is organised by award-winning training provider Cambrian Training Company, based in Welshpool and co-sponsored by Castell Howell and Pearson Edexcel.

To stand a chance of winning the coveted title, a cheque for £200 and a trophy, butchers must have been 23 or under on January 1 this year and work within Wales. The three runners up will receive £100, £50 and £25 respectively.

Contestants have until October 31 to enter the competition. The entry form must be accompanied by a written explanation, not exceeding 250 words and supported by photographs, about why adding value to their Welsh meat product range with their butchery skills is important.

Log on to the website **www.cambriantraining.com** for further details and to download an application form.

Multi-million pound deal helps to secure 300 jobs

A new partnership at the The Lion Quays has secured almost 300 jobs.

The impressive frontage to the Lion Quays Spa.

The Lord Moreton near Chirk.

A MULTI-million pound finance deal has secured the jobs of almost 300 people at three hotel and leisure complexes near Oswestry.

by Sue Austin

Investment from private financier, Rcapital, has enabled the Dulson family, which built the Lion Quays, the Lord Moreton and Moreton Park, to buy out the RBS bank's equity department, West Register.

The injection of cash for the Shropshire Leisure Group is, the family says, good news for the area and its employees.

Nick Dulson, managing director of Shropshire Leisure Group Ltd, said: "Pressure from banks in the last four years has prevented us from successfully running the business as we'd like. The decision to form a partnership with Rcapital, the London-based investor, is part of a broader long-term plan to expand and develop the group.

"The move has secured the jobs of our 276 employees and is a positive development for the Shropshire community. We can now all look forward to the bright future of Shropshire Leisure Group Ltd."

The company would give no details about the finance deal. Leading the management team are Derrick and Nick Dulson who established the business in 1998 after Mr Derrick Dulson moved into the hotel and leisure industry. He had been building houses and retirement complexes in the area since the 1960s.

Mr Andrew Charter from the Gambit Corporate Finance company, which advised on the buy-out, said the Shropshire Leisure Group was an impressive company with high quality hotel and leisure facilities. "The transaction is the second significant leisure deal the Gambit team has completed in almost as many months, following the management buy-out of Bluestone Resorts Limited in Pembrokeshire in July," he said.

Funding found for musical project

A NEW music industry project for young people interested in making, presenting and performing music in Powys is being launched by the county council.

Powys County Council's Arts Service is launching NOISE, a project open to all young people aged between 14 and 25 years old and offers free workshops, master classes and events led by music industry professionals.

The council has secured funding from the Arts Council of Wales to support this great opportunity for young people to be mentored directly by music practitioners working in the industry,

Graham Brown,cabinet member responsible for arts and culture, said: "This project will provide young people interested in music with a chance to experience first-hand what is involved in performing and presenting music professionally to audiences. It will bring young people together to develop their skills and confidence and showcase their talents."

The council's arts service will be working with community arts groups and with music professionals.

Activities start in Llanfyllin on October 30 and 31 and Crickhowell from October 28 to November 1. E-mail **arts@powys.gov.uk** or phone 01597 824444.

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NEWS in brief

Model railways to go on display

MODEL railways of all sizes will be on display at the Mid Wales Model Railway Show on Saturday in Welshpool Town Hall.

Organiser Martin Rich said: "There will be many layouts and exhibits as well as trade stands selling new and second hand items for the railway modeller, books, and demonstrations."

The show will run from 10.30am to 4.30pm and will feature narrow gauge and standard gauge exhibits in a variety of scales.

Admission is £3 for adults with accompanied children getting in free.

Walking challenge for local ladies

THE Welshpool-based Dolly Mixtures walking to running group has seen another batch complete one of their fun and successful 12-week courses which aims to get the area's ladies on the move.

The next course starts on November 4 and is open to complete beginners who want to challenge themselves to being able to run 2.5 or four miles around Powis Castle. Contact **nantcribba@yahoo.co.uk**

Gruffalo fun day

GRUFFALO story and craft making events will be at Powysland Museum, Welshpool on October 29, at a cost of £2.50 per child. Book via (01938) 554656.

Company creating five new jobs and promising more

AN electric motors manufacturing company is contributing £5 million a year to the local economy as well as providing new jobs in the run-up to Christmas, according to bosses.

Invertek Drives, which is based in Welshpool, will be recruiting five new members of staff in the coming weeks with the promise of a further five new posts which will be made available over the next 12 months.

Charles Haspel, company operations director, said the move had been made to meet international demand for the firm's speed drive electric motors and said the company had enjoyed an extremely successful year.

by Andrew Morris

The firm is currently in the advanced stages of planning a significant expansion to its production facility on the Offa's Dyke Business Park in the town which will see the company's output capability increase by 100 per cent over the next three years.

Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies also praised the company, saying the company's international profile was helping to put Welshpool on the map.

Mr Haspel said he was "proud" that Invertek contributes about £5 million a year to the economy in Welshpool and praised the efforts of staff.

Success

He said: "Following another year of outstanding international success, Invertek is looking for additional people to support the company with its continued growth.

"Positions currently available include operators, quality technicians/engineers and housekeeping staff.

"Every successful organisation knows that its people are its most valuable asset. We make sure we recruit the best people and then retain them by making sure they are rewarded and feel valued."

Mr Davies said: "Invertek is a great example of Montgomeryshire's thriving business network.

"Their plans for the future are very exciting and will do much to support the local economy."

Fair will make return to town

FOLLOWING the successful "taster" earlier in the summer, the Traditional European Food and Craft fair will return to Welshpool on November 17, with organisers promising it will be bigger and better.

For a first time, the market was warmly received by the town, encouraging the organisers to do it again with a lot more stalls from across Europe coming along this time.

"The traders really enjoyed their last visit to Welshpool so have spread the word with a lot more coming," said organiser Olivier Simonin.

"There will be a huge range of continental stalls including Finnish crafts and clothes, an Italian deli as well as a Moroccan crafts and leather stall.

"Most of the products on sale will come from each stal holder's region."

The market will be on the High Street from 9am-5pm and for more information, visit **www.traditionalmarket.co.uk**

New sitcom hits the screen

Angela Sinden on set.

A SITCOM produced by a Welshpool woman has hit the TV screens on the Gold channel.

Earlier this year Angela Sinden produced ITV's Friday night prime time show Great Night Out and now the 34-year-old is working on the new project. You, Me and Them broke ground as the first original scripted sitcom for the Gold channel.

It's got a strong cast and tells the story of Ed (Anthony Head from Little Britain, Merlin and Buffy The Vampire Slayer) and Lauren (award-winning Welsh actress Eve Myles from Frankie, Torchwood, Merlin).

"It's been an excellent show to work on and I am looking forward to the feedback it receives," said Angela, who works for Hat Trick Productions in London.

Angela was born and bred in Welshpool and says the first 11 years growing up on Oldford were among the happiest of her life.

She spent five years working on the Channel 4 hit series Shameless.

Seeking nominees for sports accolades

NOMINATIONS are being invited from the Welshpool area for the 2013 Montgomeryshire Annual Sports Awards.

The accolades recognise and celebrate the sporting success of local individuals and teams involved in sport at all levels.

Categories include Sports Personality of the Year, Junior Sports Personality under 12's and 18's, Disabled Sportsperson of the Year, Junior and Senior Sports Team of the Year, Club of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Young Sports Leader of the Year, and Coach of the Year.

Entries will be judged by a panel including county councillors and volunteers representing a variety of sports. Results will be announced at an awards evening at The Hafren, Newtown, on January 31, 2014.

For an application form call (01686) 614060 or e-mail **tricia.turner@powys.gov.uk** before November 29.

Fashion show

M&CO is holding a fashion show on October 29 to raise money for the Welshpool's Christmas Lights fund. It takes place in-store from 7pm with tickets priced £5 including a free glass of wine and mince pie. Children are welcome.

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Stars of Welsh football pay tribute to ex FA boss

by Graham Breeze

HUNDREDS of mourners packed into St Mary's Church in Welshpool on Monday for the funeral of businessman and national football administrator Tegwyn Evans.

More than 500 people sat and stood in the church for one of the town's biggest ever services attended by councillors and Welsh Football Association dignitaries, including Wales team manager Chris Coleman.

Famous faces from the world of Welsh football stood alongside people from the town as tributes were paid to the former president of the Welsh FA, who died on October 8 after a short illness.

Mr Evans, 85, who was awarded the MBE for services to the community, was the former owner and founder of Welshpool Printing Group.

The ex Mayor of Welshpool sat on dozens of committees connected with football and was the chairman of the Central Wales FA and president of Welshpool Town FC.

Dai Alun Davies, vice president of the Welsh FA, praised his former colleague and friend but said he was presenting "an inadequate eulogy to a very remarkable person."

"Tegwyn Evans was a man of his word, who would never say no to anyone, despite the size of the request," said Mr Jones.

"He always started at the bottom, whether in business, football or his community life but always reached the top. We have all lost a very special person."

Mr Evans was respected as a football administrator across Europe and in 2000 UEFA made him one of their "magnificent seven" for his years of work with Welshpool Town.

He read out an amazing list of the organisations helped by Mr Evans, which included being made a Bard at the Powys International Eisteddfod.

Flushing out sewage secrets

Allister Jones, area manager, and Graham Morris, asset creation manager for Severn Trent, at Welshpool sewage works. *Picture: Peter Shah.*

WELSHPOOL is undergoing a major £3.25 million scheme to improve its sewage system, and members of the public were invited to see what was happening.

Severn Trent gave residents the opportunity to go behind the scenes to find out what happens when Welshpool flushes.

Allister Jones, area sewage treatment manager at Severn Trent Water, explained: "Every day we flush away our waste water but very few people know what happens after it leaves their homes. For those of us who are inquisitive and would like to find out more about the improvements too, we held an exhibition and opened the doors of Welshpool sewage treatment works for an optional tour.

"We're improving the treatment works by installing new equipment to help treat the waste water and protect the local waterways.

"This will further protect the local environment and improve service for our customers."

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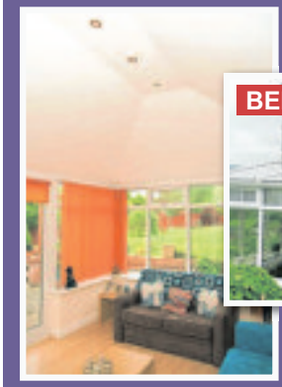

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Library is marking five-year milestone

STAFF at Oswestry Library say they have seen visitor numbers increase and dozens of new activities and services set up since moving to a custom-built facility five years ago.

The library is celebrating its fifth anniversary this month and is celebrating by asking visitors to enter a competition to tell them what they love about libraries.

Teresa Eccleston, library area manager, north, said: "There is a long list of all the things we do now that we weren't able to do in the old library, largely because of space restrictions and poor access.

"Visitor figures have increased year on year by 10 per cent and computer use has increased substantially as we now have 14 PCs rather than six.

"Book issues are also holding steady."

Mrs Eccleston said visitor figures for 2009 – the first full year in the new library – were 190,000, which was a 20 per cent increase over the old library.

Figures for the first six months of 2013 are already 102,000.

As part of its celebrations the library is holding a competition to complete an acrostic poem celebrating libraries.

Police chiefs pledge to get more bobbies out on beat

MORE bobbies will be on the beat in Mid Wales under plans to drive down crime in the area further, police chiefs said today.

Christopher Salmon, police and crime commissioner for Dyfed-Powys Police, and Chief Constable Simon Prince, said they were pleased the force has the lowest crime in all of England and Wales. But they said the force is working on ways to further reduce it.

by Andrew Morris

Mr Salmon said his main priority was to cut red tape and free officers from their desks and on to the beat.

It comes after it was revealed that 70 new police community support officers will be appointed in Mid Wales after funding was provided by the Welsh Assembly.

New figures this week showed Dyfed-Powys Police had dealt with 18,532 offences in the 12 months up to the end of June, a nine per cent fall on the previous year. Figures in England revealed crime in Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin have also tumbled despite budget cuts.

Across the West Mercia Police area, which covers Shropshire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire, there were 59,209 crimes recorded during that time, against 67,283 in 2012, according to the latest Crime Survey for England and Wales.

Mr Prince said: "Preventing and tackling crime is the number one priority in the police and crime plan that I launched earlier this year with Mr Salmon. People want to feel safe and know that we are working to keep them safe, so these figures are really encouraging.

"Budget pressures continue but we are doing everything we can including working with our partners to provide a high quality service that puts the public first in everything we do and focuses on tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.

"We know that you want to see our officers visible and accessible in your communities and we are doing all we can to ensure just that. Reducing crime is obviously important but we want people across our force area to feel satisfied with the policing services they receive.

Mr Salmon said: "My job is getting officers from their desks at the station and out into the communities on the beat."

Trainee teachers start work in town

The trainee teachers, from left, Emma Wilson, Peter Elliot, Jon Humphreys and Vikki Vicars with, front, Kate Aspinall, Business Development Officer, Marches Training.

A NEW group of trainee teachers has started work in Oswestry as part of a new Government teacher training initiative, School Direct.

Marches Training, based at The Marches School in Oswestry, is working with Edgehill University and the University of Chester this year to provide training for secondary school level teachers. Enrolled on the School Direct secondary programme this year are science teacher Dr Emma Wilson, music teacher Emma Pritchard, PE teacher Chris Cathrall, history teacher Vikki Vicars and English teacher Liz Dean.

The Marches is also working with Trefonen, Woodside, The Meadows, Morda and Whittington primary schools to host four primary trainee teachers through School Direct; Rosemary Ward, Antony Tibbetts, Sarah-Jane Howard and Andrea Lathwell.

As well as the School Direct trainees, the school is also hosting PGCE students through Aberystwyth University, Hibernia College UK and Chester University.

NEWS in brief

Road blocked by overturned tractor

A MAJOR road near Oswestry was blocked for more than two hours after a tractor overturned last Thursday.

No one was hurt in the accident, which happened on the A495 Llynclys to Llansantffraid road south of Oswestry.

Toby Shergold, of West Mercia Police, said the tractor was not blocking the road, but police had to bring in a crane to recover the vehicle.

The crash happened at 2pm and the road was shut for about two hours from 4pm to recover the tractor.

Course to teach young confidence

A SPEAK Easy course is hoping to help teenagers get over their nerves and become more confident in front of an audience.

The course will take place on Tuesday, October 29 from 11am to noon at Oswestry Library, and is a free taster session for 11 to 14-year-olds.

Organisers promise to help participants overcome their nerves and find the fun in speaking to audiences.

Butterfly sculpture

A BUTTERFLY sculpture is being used to entice customers into an Oswestry shop. The British Ironwork Centre has teamed up with the Corner Patch shop and the Established furniture shop.

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Man held in raid is released on bail

A MAN arrested during raids at addresses in Oswestry and Wrexham has been given police bail while inquiries continue.

The 44-year-old man was arrested last Thursday on suspicion of possession of controlled drugs and handling stolen goods.

The arrest came during a morning of activity by police officers in Oswestry and Wrexham.

About 25 officers were involved in the operation, with warrants issued under the theft act.

The simultaneous warrants were executed between 8am and 8.30am by officers from West Mercia Police, assisted by officers from North Wales Police in Wrexham.

The warrants were executed at addresses in Cross Street, Beatrice Street and Gitten Street in Oswestry, Western Avenue in Whittington and at the Island Green shopping centre in Wrexham.

Band off the bill

A BAND has had to pull out of a performance it was due to give as thanks for a donation towards its expenses. Ifton Colliery Band had been due to play at a meeting of Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn Local Joint Committee.

Coffee morning cash pours in to support cancer centre

THE fundraising appeal to support the opening of a new bone cancer centre in Oswestry has been boosted by hundreds of pounds thanks to the annual Macmillan coffee morning initiative.

Coffee mornings were held all over the county during the annual fundraiser.

by Iain St John

Bosses at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital, who are planning to open the £2 million bone cancer centre at their Gobowen base, say they have benefited from two of the events.

One of the coffee mornings was held in Oswestry town centre by Macmillan fundraiser Jo Battams.

Mrs Battams said: "This was my third year of hosting a Macmillan coffee morning.

Doorstep

"In previous years, I split this between Macmillan and the Lingen Davies Cancer Appeal in Shrewsbury.

"This year due to the Lingen Davies Centre being recently completed, I wanted to support a charity on my doorstep and saw the Oswestry Bone Cancer Appeal as a good opportunity."

The day was attended by more than 100 people and raised £825, half of which was donated to the Oswestry Bone Cancer Centre Appeal.

The organisers raised money through selling cakes, drinks, jams and pickles, plus raffles and generous donations.

Mrs Battams and her team of 10 volunteers, including her two daughters Ellie, 10, and Hannah, 16, were delighted with the turnout and would like to thank all who attended.

Mrs Battams' link to the specialist hospital and enthusiasm for fundraising runs through the family.

She said: "Having lost my dad John Foulkes and other family members to cancer and with seeing my dad involved with raising money for the TORCH Centre Appeal at the orthopaedic hospital in 2003, I wanted to follow in his footsteps."

She is already planning next year's Macmillan coffee morning and has vowed to donate half the money to support The Oswestry Bone Cancer Centre Appeal.

A further coffee morning, organised by Sister Jane Evans on October 2 raised £430 for Macmillan.

At the Macmillan coffee morning are, from left, Lynda Reid, Ellie Battams, Jo Battams and Cynthia Foulkes.

Chance to meet TV stars Dick and Dom

CHILDREN'S television favourites Dick and Dom will be visiting Oswestry next month to entertain youngsters and launch their new book.

The pair, who shot into the limelight with their gunge-filled Saturday morning show Dick and Dom in da Bungalow, will be teaching children a host of silly words when they drop in to Oswestry on November 7.

During their whirlwind visit they will first be visiting children in some of the town's schools, where they will likely wreak mayhem, playing their trademark games of Bogies and Creamy Muck Muck to the disgust of the teachers and the delight of the pupils.

The pair will then stop off at Booka in Church Street to sign copies of their new book Dick and Dom's Slightly Naughty But Very Silly Words, a collection of their made-up words and phrases.

Carrie Morris, owner of Booka, said she has already sold a lot of tickets for the event.

"We're taking Dick and Dom into two schools and then doing a book signing with the opportunity to meet them," she said.

Entry to the book signing, which will start at 4pm, is by ticket only. Tickets are £7.99 per family, to include a signed copy of the book. Call (01691) 662244 to book.

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Ladies' day giving insight into work of a firefighter

WOMEN with a burning desire to make a difference can spend a day in the life of a firefighter.

The ladies' day at Oswestry Fire Station on Saturday is aimed at encouraging more females to join the force where they are "seriously under represented".

Women who do the job will be on hand to talk to would-be recruits, who will be given a tour of the fire station and shown the equipment used at a wide variety of incidents.

Participants will find out if they have a head for heights as they take a look at what climbing up 100ft ladders means.

by Graham Breeze

And they can even try out some if the fitness tests that are integral to the role – including running a short distance with weights.

"Women are seriously under represented among our operational fire fighters which is also true for other brigades," said Jonathan Hyams, equality and diversity officer for Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service.

"This event is to encourage more women to look seriously at the fire service as a career."Activities will include explanation sessions, hands on stuff with firefighting equipment, looking at fire engines and fitness tests and understanding the need for fitness in the role."

About 80 per cent of Shropshire's firefighters' are on call which means when there is an emergency they are "bleeped" to attend the fire station.

This means they have to live or work within five minutes of their local fire station, and turn out for duty at any time during their agreed on-call rotas.

"We want to encourage women to look at becoming part time professional firefighters. It is a career that many women just don't think about," said Laura Kavanagh-Jones, of Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service. "So we want as many women as possible to come along and discuss recruitment and career information."

For more information about what the job entails visit **www.shropshirefire.gov.uk**

Women get a taste of life as a firefighter with Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service at a previous "taster" day.

Residents asked to have say on service

PEOPLE on the Shropshire/Wales border are being encouraged to get involved in helping to shape the future direction of their fire service.

North Wales Fire and Rescue Service covers border communities including Chirk and the Ceiriog Valley and on occasion is called to help out at incidents in Shropshire.

The service is keen to hear people's views on its key strategic priorities for next year and beyond.

The fire and rescue authority continually reviews and improves the services it provides, and as part of an annual planning process it invites anyone with an interest to share their views and opinions on its proposed priorities.

North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority has identified three strategic priorities for 2014/15. They include keeping people and communities safe by preventing deaths and injuries from accidental fires in living accommodation. Another priority is to embark on a new three-year financial plan. And the third main priority is to work on finding better ways of providing fire and rescue cover in North Wales.

Visit **www.nwales-fireservice.org.uk** and responses must be forwarded by the deadline on December 9.

Energy saving advice at stall

AS part of Energy Saving Week, Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing hosted a stall at the market in Bailey Head, Oswestry, on Wednesday.

Officers were on hand to provide advice on how to save energy in the home, budgeting and financial support, such as debt advice and managing a bank account.

Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing is a member of SUSTAIN Consortium which provides help for vulnerable adults, helping them develop the skills they need to live independently within the community.

Sue Adams, for Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing, said;"We are committed to ensuring our tenants have access to the support they need and to help them maintain their tenancy. With winter fast approaching, it's time to start thinking about how you can save energy and money throughout the coming months."

Visit the organisation's website at **www.starhousing.org.uk** for details.

Free will service to benefit charities

A LAW firm in Oswestry will waive its fees for making a will in November, in exchange for clients making a donation to charity.

To celebrate Will Aid's Silver Jubilee, free appointments will be available with solicitors in the private client department of GHP Legal for clients who are willing to make a recommended donation to Will Aid.

All monies received by Will Aid will be divided between Actionaid, AgeUK, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, NSPCC, Save the Children, Sightsavers, SCAIF and Trocaire.

For more information about Will Aid month, call GHP Legal on (01691) 659194.

Funny tales at library

AFTER all the spooky stories and terrifying tales of Halloween, Oswestry Library will be hosting an afternoon of hilarity on November 1.

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Tempting tipples to try out around trick or treat time

Ahead of Halloween and bonfire night Sam Wylie-Harris suggests some spooky spirits to fire up your imagination

IT DOESN'T matter if you prefer to get spirited away on Halloween and parade around in spooky costumes, or to torch the sky with fireworks and rockets on Guy Fawkes night, both evenings lend themselves to a measure of trickery and intrigue.

So to ease yourself into the witching hour and help you start plotting that next party, why not try these recipes?

HENDRICK'S TEA TIME JAM & TONIC

Hendrick's have released their limited edition Hendrick's Gin Midnight Tea Party Pack (£27.09, 70cl with tea cup, Sainsbury's), the perfect pick-me-up for grown-ups who've braved dozens of haunted house calls to keep the littl'uns happy.

A bloody pour that complements the cucumber and rose petal infusions in Hendrick's. Here's the refreshing recipe to try at home.

40ml Hendrick's Gin, 1 teaspoon strawberry jam, 2cm diced cucumber, tonic water

Add ingredients to teacup without tonic. Stir until jam is dissolved, then infuse for a few moments before adding ice and topping with tonic.

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Rigg's signature mixer is ginger ale, but for fright night tipples, a medium-dry vintage cider such as Morrisons new Signature Vintage Cider (£1.89 or 3 for £5, 50cl, 7.3 per cent abv, Morrison) adds depth and complexity to this tasty infusion.

The tall black bottle is dressed with a monocle and moustache to fit in with the fancy dress theme – and it also neatly fits in with Movember charity month (running through November).

Either way, here's an easy peasy recipe which takes its name from the glass, a trigger tankard.

30ml Rigg's, 20ml lemon juice, 170ml vintage cider (or half-and-half with apple juice)

Half-fill a 14oz tankard with ice. Add the Rigg's, lemon juice and top with cider. Garnish with three apple slices.

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Hendrick's gin at Halloween.

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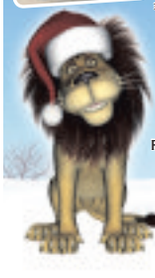

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Walk set to take in revamped pathways

AN autumn family walk will be taking in the recently-finished pathways around eastern Oswestry's green areas.

The walk, on Sunday, will follow the footpaths from the Eastern Oswestry Community Centre in Cabin Lane along Linear Way, into Henley Woods, Monkmoor Court and over Shelf Bank to see the autumn colours.

Afterwards the group will head to Oswestry Station for a free train ride and refreshments courtesy of the Cambrian Heritage Railway.

The event has been organised by the Easter Oswestry Greenspace Association and Shropshire Council.

Group secretary Gwyneth Tipton said: "We thought it would be lovely to walk it through the changing seasons. Shaun Berkey, Shropshire Council's greenspace officer, has a wonderful vision for Oswestry. He has made these areas accessible to everyone.

"Young children can collect autumn treasures along the way, to do a craft activity at the end of the walk, and we'll be holding a natural art competition open to all.

The walk will leave from the car park at the EACC at 1pm. The craft activity at the end of the walk will be suitable for under fives.

For more information contact Gwyneth on 07746 999169 or Carol on (01691) 661402.

Cuts warning after sports centre closes at weekends

THE closure of Llanfyllin's sports centre on a Saturday will be just the first of many painful cuts for the area, town councillors have been warned.

Llanfyllin Town Council has vowed to fight the closure plans and has held meetings with Powys County Council officers over the decision, which is due come into effect in March.

Although the councillors said they would carry on with the battle to retain the current level of service at the centre, they were told at a meeting that things would get worse in the future because of funding cuts.

by Graham Breeze

The town's county councillor Peter Lewis said huge pressure would be placed on every part of the county council budget next year because of a £20 million funding gap after the Welsh Government announced its funding settlement for 2014-15.

The county council will face a cut in funding of nearly £9 million in the next financial year along with increased service pressures of £11 million, leaving the county facing a funding shortfall of £20 million.

Councillor Lewis said he wanted further investigation into the costs of keeping the town's sports centre open, asking why its IT costs were about £6,000 a year even though it only had one computer.

And he warned that further cuts could hit sports centres and libraries in the next 12 months because of the funding settlement.

He said: "The Saturday closure is still going ahead and I think it is going to get worse next year. Libraries and leisure centres will be hit with the budget cuts."

Councillor Lewis said the county council was carrying out research asking the public where they think the cuts should be made by calling them at home and asking their opinion.

He said: "I am quite pleased because they are calling people to see where they would like the cuts and what they would like protecting. I think it is a good idea to see what the public want."

Ghostly goings on for castle

THE ancient castle of Whittington was taken over by ghostly spirits as the annual ghost tours got under way last Friday.

Sue Ellis, manager of the castle near Oswestry, said the popular tours were devised from local folklore and stories as well as information gleaned from regular paranormal investigations of the castle by various ghost hunters.

She said: "This year we have new characters such as Judge William of the March and prisoner Matilda who relate their sad tales of woe, as well as some old favourites waiting to surprise those who join the tours."

The next tours take place on October 25, 26 and 30 and November 1 and 2, starting at 6.30pm.

Ms Ellis added: "The tours are suitable for children but not for the very young. You must pre-book and tickets are £3.50 adults and £2.50 children."

Ring (01691) 662500 or call in at the castle for your tickets.

Floral display takes top prize

With their Oswestry in Bloom floral award are, from left, PML operations director Jon Pither and Oswestry Mayor Councillor Chris Schofield. *Picture: Peter Flemmich*

A FLORAL display outside one of Oswestry's historic buildings has won a top prize in an In-Bloom competition.

Staff at Physiological Measurements Ltd said they were delighted that their efforts to help the town look good had been rewarded.

Their floral display outside their base in the Old Malthouse, off Willow Street, impressed judges in the Oswestry in Bloom awards.

John Pither, director at PML, said: "We couldn't believe it when we heard that we had won the award for best floral display.

"A lot of time was spent preparing the display and the area outside our premises and we knew that it was one of the best that we had created.

"We always hope we will win a prize but with so many other good displays around the town it was down to the hard work of a man in his miniature tractor and Mother Nature."

He added: "We love being in Oswestry and think it is a great town for us to have our business."

NEWS in brief

Young footballers sport hospice logo

YOUNG footballers will be supporting Hope House Children's Hospice this season after having the charity's logo printed on their shirts.

Baschurch Juniors FC under-11s and kit sponsors West Felton Supplies decided that instead of having the sponsor's name on the kit they would promote a deserving charity.

Lynsey Kilvert, fundraising officer for Hope House, said: "After canvassing opinion amongst the sponsors, players and parents, Hope House Children's Hospice was overwhelmingly the charity of choice and is now the official U11 team charity."

Nearly new sale will boost group

A NEARLY new sale of baby, toddler, pre-school and primary schoolchildren's clothing, toys and equipment will be held at Montgomery Activity Centre, School Lane, Montgomery.

The event will be held on Saturday from 9.30am to 11.30am in aid of Mini Monty's Baby and Toddler Group. Admission is £1 for adults and free for children.

Talk on beeswax

NORTH Shropshire and Borders Smallholders Group heard about beeswax at Llanyblodwell and Porthywaen Hall last week.

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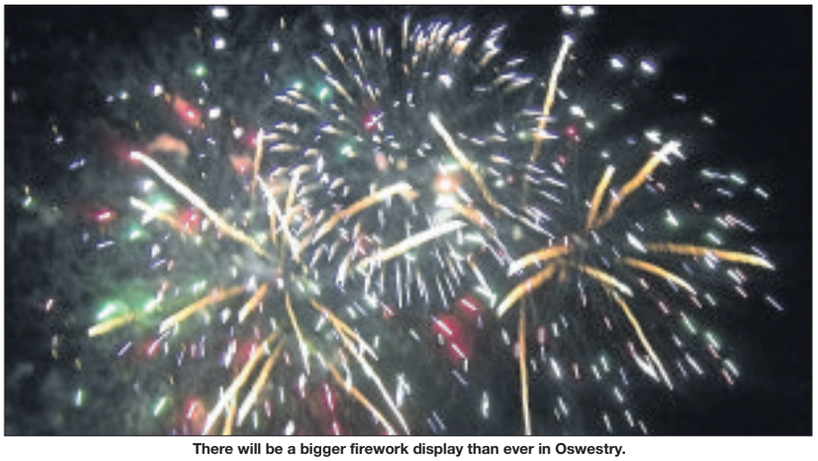

There will be a bigger firework display than ever in Oswestry.

OSWESTRY'S annual bonfire and fireworks display is on Saturday, November 2 at 7pm at Brogyntyn Park.

This highly popular evening organised by Oswestry Town Council and the Treble Niners is now into its second decade and has raised over £40,000 for local good causes.

This year extra fireworks have been purchased and it promises to be a spectacular display, marking the 25th anniversary of the bonfire evening.

Leader of the Treble Niners, Mike Wilkinson, said: "I hope that as many people as possible will come to Brogyntyn Park and enjoy this community event. The atmosphere is always most enjoyable and by bringing the community together, then we help fundraise for our local good causes and those less fortunate than ourselves."

Town Mayor, Councillor Chris Schofield, said: "The town council has been proud to be a partner of the Treble Niners. Mike Wilkinson and the personnel of Oswestry Fire Station and their family and friends work so hard on this evening to provide the local community with such an enjoyable evening.

"We are most grateful to them for the fire and rescue service that they provide and also for extras such as this that mean such a lot to so many people."

This year Oswestry Borderland Rotary Club and the firefighters have teamed up to arrange a lantern parade through the town starting from Festival Square at 6.30pm.

The procession will wind its way along Church Street and up Willow Street to Brogyntyn Park.

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The Oswestry Annual Bonfire and Fireworks Display will take place on Saturday, 2nd November at 7.00 p.m. This year the Oswestry Borderland Rotary Club have arranged a lantern parade through the town starting from Festival Square at 6.30p.m, and will wind its way along Church Street and up Willow Street to Brogyntyn Park.

Bigger & Better Fireworks

This highly popular evening organised by Oswestry Town Council and the Treble Niners is now in its 25th year and has raised over £60,000 for local good causes.

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Parking changes at station considered

PROPOSED changes to the management of Gobowen railway station's car park could eventually see charging introduced on the site, councillors have heard.

But moves would also be made to ensure short term parking for villagers visiting shops and businesses in the village centre would remain available, members of Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council was told.

The railway station car park is unusual in that parking there has always been free, a meeting of the parish council heard this week.

Shropshire Councillor David Lloyd said the car park was popular and well used and by having no parking fees it could claim to be "the cheapest car park in the country".

He said moves to change the management of the car park and introduce parking charges were at a very early stage.

And he told the meeting that the needs of villagers would also be paramount in any future decision.

He said: "That car park is also a service to the village. Whatever happens in the future we must secure an area for short term parking.

"We must retain short term shopping parking."

Parish councillors agreed for the parish clerk to explore the proposal further.

Scouts' pumpkin-carving fun

Chirk Cub Scouts have raised money for Nightingale House Hospice with a pumpkin carving evening. Members and leaders are pictured with some of the designs.

Winners, from left, Matthew Humphreys, nine, Iwan Morris, ten, and Daniel Jones, eight.

CHIRK Cub Scouts helped raise money for a local hospice by carving pumpkins in readiness for Halloween.

by Joshua Boswell

The group joined forces with master carver, Marie Harper, who has been offering her expertise in exchange for donations to Nightingale House Hospice.

The nine cubs gave her a helping hand at their Chirk headquarters, carving the pumpkins and donating £25 to her cause.

The cubs were also busy making Halloween masks inspired by a Mexican festival which starts on November 1. Alfie Hufton, eight, said: "It's called the Day of the Dead although it's three days long. They make their relatives' favourite food and banners with flowers on."

Sue Graves, a cub scout helper, said: "We're looking at the Day of the Dead because it's fun and festive, and it's a good way of remembering the dead."

Once they finished their masks, the cubs had a go at carving the pumpkins Miss Harper had prepared with stencils. A master carver, she has created 22 Halloween pumpkins this month, made to order with all proceeds going to Nightingale House.

"It's for the memory of my grandad, who died six years ago of prostate cancer. He didn't get to use the Nightingale House facilities but they were still supportive of my family," she said.

"It's been three years that I've done this carving. Last year I did it for CLIC Sargent, and this year for Nightingale House."

CLIC Sargent is a national charity for children with cancer, and Nightingale House is a Wrexham hospice providing palliative and end of life care for patients including many from Shropshire.

The pumpkins have proved popular. Miss Harper already has orders for 26 more, enough to keep her carving until October 28, she said.

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Cub scout leader Vinnie Graves said the cubs had also been busy.

"We did our first camp in September, the first two nights away. They played water hockey, we had camp fires, a bungee jump, and we roasted marshmallows," he said.

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Anti-social behaviour complaints decrease

THE number of anti-social behaviour complaints involving council house residents in Shropshire has fallen in the past 12 months – although two tenants still had to be evicted for their behaviour, new figures have revealed.

And 10 tenants were thrown out after falling behind in their rent, Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing said.

Bosses at the housing group said in the last financial year Shropshire Council Landlord Services dealt with 105 complaints of anti-social behaviour, which is a fall from 159 in 2011/12.

Eighty-four of the complaints were resolved, two tenants were evicted and there are 21 cases which are still under investigation, the housing organisation said.

The figures have been released in the first annual report of the group which reports on the performance of Shropshire Council Landlord Services from April 2012 to March this year.

Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing took over the running of about 4,200 council homes in Oswestry and Bridgnorth from the local authority in April.

The annual report also revealed that a total of £15,618,197 had been collected in rent in 2012/13 although the level of rent debt had increased.

Developers want ruling on plans for 50 homes

DEVELOPERS behind controversial plans for the major expansion of Gobowen say they want their bid decided now and don't want to wait for the result of an appeal for housing on an adjacent site.

by Graham Breeze

More than 50 people have lodged views on the plans to build 50 homes off Whittington Road.

Shropshire Council planners had asked the developers whether they wanted to wait for the outcome of a planning appeal on a separate application for homes near their site before pursuing their proposal.

But the developers say they want their application decided as soon as possible.

Applicant Michael Evans was at a meeting of Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council during the summer to outline his plans for Whittington Road, saying the bid would address a shortage of homes in the area.

Residents at the meeting voiced their opposition.

Parish councillors decided to oppose the scheme because it was outside the village development boundary.

Since then more than 50 views have been lodged with Shropshire Council over the plans, with about 30 in support.

Unitary authority planning officers had contacted the applicant's agents, Balfours, suggesting the bid should be deferred until a planning appeal against a decision to turn down plans to build houses near The Tilings, off Whittington Road, was resolved.

But the agents say the applicant wants to push ahead with the application.

They stated: "We consider that Shropshire Council should support the application as sustainable development with significant community benefits and local support.

"We do not accept that any of the 'preferred allocated sites' can be included in the council's housing land supply until they have been tested at examination, but even using these contested sites the council are unable to demonstrate a five year supply."

The agents say they want the bid referred to the next available planning committee.

Event serves up tennis tips for youngsters

Youngsters aim to improve their national rankings at the Oswestry Team Tennis Mini Tennis matchplay event.

BUDDING Wimbledon champions took part in a mini tennis event to improve their national rankings.

The Oswestry Team Tennis Mini Tennis matchplay saw 18 children taking part in Mini Red, Orange and Green singles events, with 39 matches completed.

Results from the event will go towards improving the children's LTA ranking.

In the Mini Reds, Ellie Edwards won all of her six matches. Cian Jones moved up to Mini Orange for the first time, getting a good win against Owen Roberts 7-4, 7-3.

Jack Hughes had moved up to the Mini Green level at the end of August, and won his first three matches well. Owen Washington, from Crifitns, was also playing Green for the first time and he did well, winning two matches, and narrowly lost his third match 3-4.

The next OTT mini tennis event will be on October 26. To enter contact Clive Knight on **clive.knight361@uwclub.net** or call 07964 615858.

Welcome for news of PCSO changes

PLANS to give community support officers more powers have been welcomed by an Oswestry councillor who has been out on night shifts with police to see for himself what challenges they face.

Town councillor Paul Milner has twice spent Saturday night shifts with Oswestry police to get a better understanding of how they operate.

And he says giving community support officers more powers will help police officers in their duties.

Councillor Milner, who also serves on Oswestry Rural Parish Council, said: "I think the PCSOs will be delighted they have greater power and I think the police officers they work alongside will also be delighted.

"PCSOs have an important role and we are almost going back to the old days of having a bobby on the beat that everyone knows and everyone trusts.

"I think it is good news for the parishes as well because they know who their local PCSO is and they know they can go to him or her with problems and questions.

"They are an important part of the police force and they should be supported."

"Having a station in Oswestry and having it open to the public as much as possible is important to the whole area."

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Council is geeing up students on awards

YOUNGSTERS who started out working towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award are being urged to finish what they have started by Powys County Council.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) has gone from strength to strength in recent years and in 2012/13, 269 young people achieved an award at one of three levels – bronze, silver or gold.

But there are many young people who start an award then don't finish, even though they may have put in effort to get several of the activities completed.

Now a campaign, called "I've started so I'll finish', has been launched and will give youngsters the opportunity to complete the award which they have started.

Claire Mills, the Powys DofE development officer, said: "There are many young people who start out on a DofE adventure and work hard to complete sections of their award. Some don't get through to the end for various reasons, even though they may have put in lots of effort to get several of the activities completed.

"If you are one of these young people, or know someone who is, and would like to complete your award then the 'I've started so I'll finish' campaign is for you."

For details e-mail: **claire.mills@powys.gov.uk** or call (01597) 827552.

Adventurers share plans to finish Shackleton expedition

AN AUDIENCE in Oswestry has been told of ambitious plans by a team of British adventurers to complete Ernest Shackleton's unfinished 1914 Antarctic expedition.

Members of the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Centenary Expedition are currently on the road around Britain and Ireland giving speaking engagements and workshops to schools, business leaders and rotary clubs.

by Graham Breeze

They have been in the Shropshire area for the last few days and one of their engagements saw them address an audience at Scotty's Cafe in Oswestry.

The audience heard from team leader Jo Davies, an Atlantic rowing world record holder, and team member Stewart Stirling, a mountain leader and former police office.

The plans for the 1,500 mile marathon journey were outlined during the talks.

Mr Stirling said: "Next year is the centenary of Ernest Shackleton's attempt to cross Antarctica.

"His team never succeeded in achieving their goal. A British team will attempt his planned route on skis, man-hauling their kit on sledges in late 2014.

"This route has never been completed.

"The Imperial Trans-Antarctic Centenary Expedition 2014 intends to complete Sir Ernest Shackleton's 'unfinished business' and become the first polar travellers to complete his proposed route 100 years on.

"The all British team, who have the support of David Cameron and Shackleton's granddaughter, the Honourable Alexandra Shackleton, plan to ski cross Antarctica from the Weddell Sea to the Ross Ice Shelf via the South Pole.

"Although there have been other traverses of Antarctica, Shackleton's proposed route has never been attempted."

The trip will hopefully not just finish the route followed by Shackleton but also allow the team to carry out scientific research, the organisers added.

The adventure will also be a celebration of the achievements of polar explorers throughout history, promote leadership skills within education and business and to "inspire, inform and motivate" the younger generation.

Stewart Sterling and Jo Davies gave a talk about the Imperial Transartic Centenary Expedition.

Housing bid includes affordable homes

A HOUSING development in Knockin Heath near Oswestry is the only way affordable housing will be provided in the village, developers have claimed.

The plans would see four of the eight homes proposed for land at West View developed as affordable properties.

The application has been lodged by two sisters named in planning papers as Mrs Brammer and Mrs Price. They have inherited the land from their late mother.

Planning papers lodged by agents McAteer Associates in support of the application say it would bring affordable homes to the village.

The papers say that Knockin had been identified as being appropriate for new housing as long as it is in keeping with the character of the area.

The applicants seek to provide four detached houses on the southern side of the main road through the village along with four affordable units in the centre of the village.

Shropshire Council hopes to determine the bid by December 9.

Area falls below the average for wages

HOURLY pay for workers in Oswestry – and in Shropshire generally – lags behind the UK average, figures show.

The figures come as calls were made this week for the area's workers to be offered what is known as a "living wage" rather than just the national minimum wage.

Although Oswestry is widely regarded as the town with the lowest wages in Shropshire, figures compiled by the Office of National Statistics says hourly pay in all areas of the county are lower than in Britain as a whole.

Statistics compiled for last year by the body revealed the median gross hourly pay in the UK was £11.25 and in the West Midlands as a region it was £10.51.

Hourly pay in all parliamentary constituencies in Shropshire and on the county border with Wales were below the UK median.

In north Shropshire the median gross hourly wage was £10.56 while in Shrewsbury and Atcham it was £10.11. The figure for Telford was even lower at £10.10 while for The Wrekin it was £10.92.

The Oswestry Equality Group is calling on employers to give a living wage to staff rather than the national minimum wage, and is also investigating the use of zero hours contracts.

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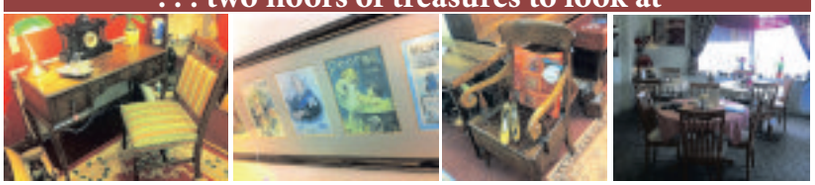

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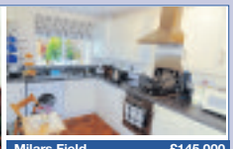

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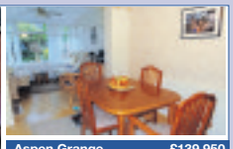

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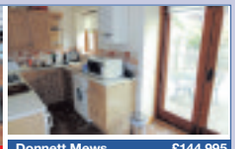
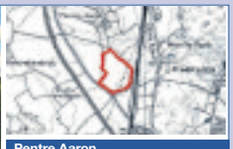
- A deceptively spacious 2 Bedroom End-Terrace Property situated in an established residential area within walking distance of the town centre.
- The property has recently been renovated to the highest of standards but has retained a host of original features
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen with Integrated Appliances, 2 spacious Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Low maintenance garden to rear and pedestrian side access to the front
- uPVC double glazing and Gas central heating. EPC Rating E



NEW PRICE

Donnett Mews
Whittington
£144,995

- A well appointed Barn Conversion situated close to the centre of the village of Whittington. Converted approximately 13 years ago
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, Two Bedrooms & Bathrm
- Good size rear garden which is in direct sunlight for most of the day
- The garden is mainly laid to patio and gravel for ease of maintenance
- The property benefits from ample off-road parking, D/G. Gas C/H. EPC Rating D



Pentre Aaron
Weston Rhyn

- A rare Agricultural Investment opportunity comprising a block of accommodation land extending to 15 acres (6.07 ha) or thereabouts conveniently located just off the A5/A483 between Oswestry and Weston Rhyn
- The land is currently laid to pasture but would accommodate a host of arable or fodder crops
- The land is sold subject to a 1986 Agricultural Holdings Act Tenancy. For further details please contact the Selling Agents Oswestry office on (01691) 652367.

NO CHAIN

Berwyn Villas
Oswestry
£99,995

- A well presented end-of-terrace cottage style property
- Oak stripped flooring to the hall, lounge and dining room
- Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Dining Area, Kitchen
2 Excellent Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Off-street parking and good size south facing rear garden
- Double glazing gas fired central heatingEPC Rating E

Great Ness
Shrewsbury
£375,000

- A Grade II Listed Period Property believed to date from the early 17th Century situated in the charming hamlet of Great Ness with excellent views over rolling countryside
- Sympathetically restored and extended by the current owners to create a spacious family home yet retaining a host of original features. Mature well stocked gardens & offer the perfect back drop
- Lounge, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility & Shower Room. 3 large bedrooms & Family Bathroom, a further 2 Bedrooms and a Study

Hampton Road
Oswestry
£445,000

- A spacious Detached Family Residence situated in a one of Oswestry's premier residential locations
- The property has been finished to the highest of standards
- Entrance Hall, Study, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Garden Room, Utility & Cloak Room
- 4 Ensuite Bedrooms, 2 other Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Large Attic
- The property stands in well stocked landscaped gardens with a raised patio. Garage with tarmac driveway. Gas C/H. EPC Rating E

NO CHAIN

Hengoed
Nr Oswestry
£435,000

- A beautifully presented & luxuriously appointed barn conversion with landscaped gardens
- Farmhse Kitchen with Oil Fired Aga range, adjoining Dining Rm & Utility
- Drawing Rm has glazed panels to 1 elevation with views & smaller Living Rm
- Master Bedroom, En-suite & Guest Bedrm, 3 Beds & Family Bathrm
- Large well stocked garden to front, large parking area & Dble Garage Block
- Enclosed Patio area with views across open countryside. EPC Rating F

Watkin Drive
Oswestry
£395,000

- A most impressive and spacious Detached House set within an exclusive and spacious development for only five executive homes
- Reception Hall, Guest Cloaks, Sitting Rm with bay, Large Conservatory
- Separate Dining Rm, Study, Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Utility
- Gallery Landing, 4 Bedrooms, Shower Rm & Luxury Family Bathrm
- Gas C/H, D/G, delightful gardens, double garage. EPC Rating D

Morda Close
Oswestry
£475,000

- An Executive Family Home situated on the exclusive Morda Close development on the outskirts of the town of Oswestry
- Entrance Hall with Lounge, Dining Room and a large Kitchen/Breakfast Room with adjoining Utility Room and Cloakroom
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite & Guest Bedroom with En-Suite. The remaining 2 Bedrooms & Study are served by a large Family Bathroom
- Large private landscaped gardens. Ample parking and Double Garage block with room above which could be utilized for a number of uses. EPC Rating C

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NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING D
OIRO £449,950

Morda **SUNDORNE**
4 BED DET HOUSE
3 RECEPTION ROOMS
INTEGRAL GARAGE
EPC RATING E
OIRO £339,950

NEW
Pentre **STONE COTTAGE**
4 BED DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING D
OIRO £339,950

NEW
Sweeney Mountain **FAIRHAVEN**
4 BED DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
SUPERB VIEWS
OIRO £324,950

NEW
Arddleen **WINDY RIDGE**
3 BED DET BUNGALOW
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
KITCHEN/ DINER
EPC RATING E
OIRO £324,950

Oswestry **20 HAMPTON ROAD**
4 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
EPC RATING E
OIRO £309,950

Selattyn **LLAWR-Y-PANT**
4 BED DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 GARAGES
EPC RATING D
OIRO £299,995

NEW PRICE
Treflach Oswestry **WDDYN COTTAGE**
3 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EN SUITE MASTER BEDROOM
EPC RATING F
OIRO £274,950

Oswestry **11 HAMPTON CLOSE**
3 BED DET BUNGALOW
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
MASTER EN-SUITE
EPC RATING D
OIRO £269,995

NEW PRICE
Haughton **CHAPEL COTTAGE**
3/4 SEMI-DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING E
OIRO £229,500

Four Crosses **SHAFTESBURY**
4 BED DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
OIL CENTRAL HEATING
EPC RATING D
£225,000

Oswestry **23 GLENTWORTH CLOSE**
3 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
MODERNISED THROUGHOUT
EPC RATING D
OIRO £219,950

NEW PRICE
Whittington Oswestry **1 PEVEREL DRIVE**
4 BED DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING D
OIRO £199,950

NEW PRICE
Weston Rhyn Oswestry **49 LONG CROFT**
3/ 4 BED DET HOUSE
2/ 3 RECEPTION ROOMS
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING C
OIRO £189,995

NEW PRICE
Oswestry **57 HENLEY DRIVE**
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2 RECEPTION ROOMS
DOWNSTAIRS W.C
EPC RATING C
£184,950

NEW
Oswestry **66 UPPER CHURCH STREET**
3 BED TOWN HOUSE
NO CHAIN
KITCHEN/DINER
EPC TBC
£174,950

Oswestry **2 UPPER WELL CLOSE**
3 BED TOWN HOUSE
NO CHAIN
DOWNSTAIRS WC
EPC RATING C
OIRO £169,995

NEW
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3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
SUPERB VIEWS
EPC RATING E
OIRO £169,950

NEW PRICE
Oswestry **11 MANDIR CLOSE**
3 BED TOWN HOUSE
KITCHEN/ DINER
INTEGRAL GARAGE
EPC RATING B
OIRO £167,500

NEW
Oswestry **12 TRINITY CLOSE**
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KITCHEN/ DINER
DOWNSTAIRS WC
EPC RATING C
OIRO £164,950

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NO CHAIN
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EPC RATING C
OIRO £154,950

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OIRO £149,950

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EPC RATING D
£139,950

NEW
Llynclys **19 DOLGOCH**
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
KITCHEN/DINER
OIL CENTRAL HEATING
EPC RATING D
OIRO £129,950

NEW PRICE
West Felton Oswestry **85 APPLEWOOD**
3 BED END TERRACE
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
VILLAGE LOCATION
EPC RATING D
OIRO £124,000

Oswestry **22 STEWART ROAD**
3 BED TERRACE HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
NO CHAIN
EPC RATING D
OIRO £122,500

NEW
Oswestry **3 REGENT COURT**
2 BED RETIREMENT PROPERTY
GROUND FLOOR
NO CHAIN
EPC RATING D
OIRO £114,950

Oswestry **82 CASTLE STREET**
2 BED TERRACE HOUSE
NO CHAIN
KITCHEN/ DINER
EPC RATING C
OIRO £104,950

NEW
Oswestry **8 ASH ROAD**
2 BED TERRACE
KITCHEN/DINER
NURSERY/DRESSING ROOM
EPC RATING D
OIRO £99,950

West Felton Oswestry **90 APPLEWOOD**
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EPC RATING D
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REAR YARD
EPC RATING E
PCM £395

TO LET
Oswestry **4 NEWGATE COURT**
2 BED TERRACE HOUSE
AVAILABLE NOW
TOWN LOCATION
EPC RATING F
PCM £380

TO LET
Whittington Oswestry **1 ORCHARD COTTAGE**
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GAS CENTRAL HEATING
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- Impressive Lounge
- Dining room
- Breakfast kitchen & utility
- Garage & car parking
- Attractive patio garden
- Elevated position overlooking Village
- EPC Band D

JJD781

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- UPVC D/G Electric Heating
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
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- EPC Band E

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- Cloakroom
- Kitchen & Utility
- Dining Room
- Sitting Room & Lounge
- Dressing Room
- Large Garage
- Attractive Gardens
- EPC Band D

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Dolanog

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EPC rating TBC

Maesbury Marsh, Oswestry

£400 PCM £600 Deposit

End terrace cottage, the accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, sitting room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, 2 bedrooms, small garden, parking.

Standard tenant application fees are £150 plus VAT, plus bank status enquiry fee will be charged separately by the bank.

Please call 01691 655334.

EPC rating E

Maesbury Marsh, Oswestry

£410 PCM £600 Deposit

Mid-terraced cottage with two bedrooms, bathroom with shower, kitchen, sitting room, living room, gardens and parking

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EPC rating E

Oaklands Road, Chirk Bank

£550 PCM £650 Deposit

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Price: £205,000

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- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Oil Central Heating
- Views Across Countryside
- Village Location
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Oaklands, Ruyton XI Towns

Price: £160,000

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This attractive bay fronted Victorian family home is situated in a most sought after area of Oswestry overlooking Brogynytyn Park.

- 2 Double Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Gas Central Heating
- Viewing Recommended
- Current EPC Rating D

Oakhurst Road, Oswestry

Price: £139,950

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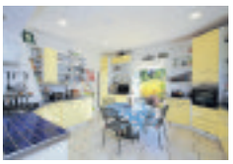

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Upsurge

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Step back in time at Established in Oswestry.

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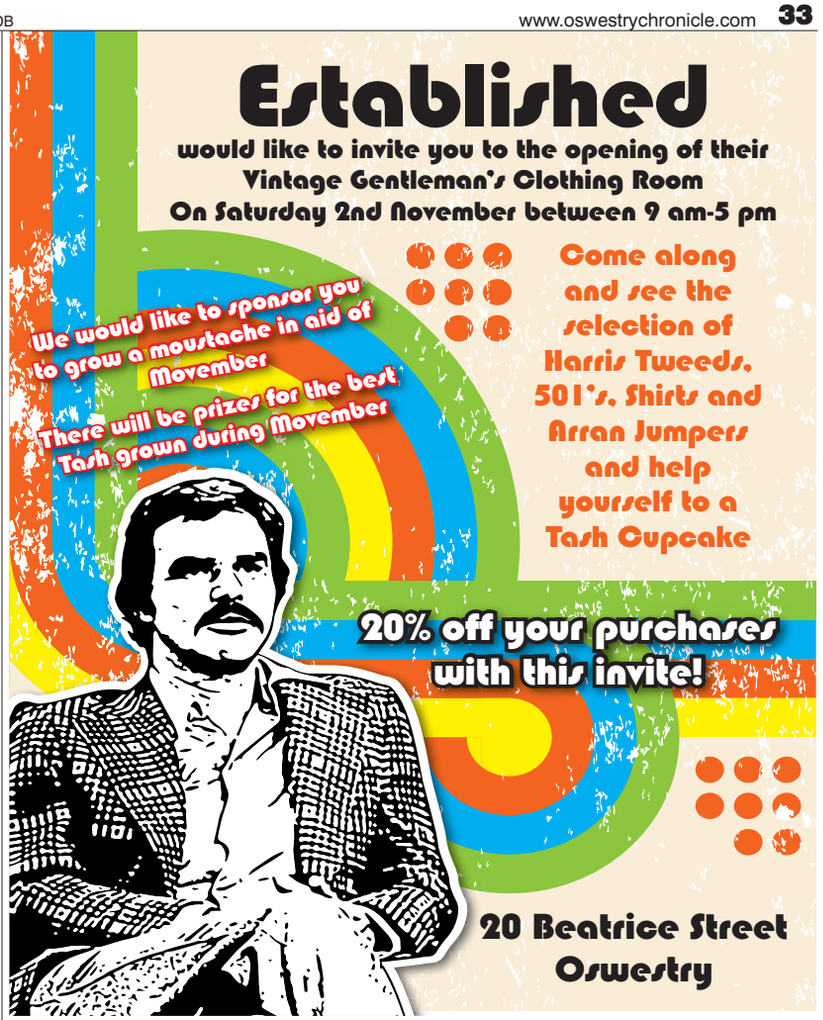

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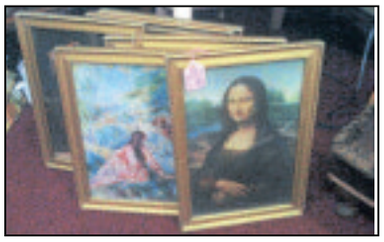

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Special thanks to her Doctors, to the Staff at Bridgnorth Medical Practice and to all the Staff at Danesford Grange Care Home for your care and kindness to Mum and to the Family throughout her stay in Bridgnorth, to Felix and to The Revd. Peter Williams for your very personal contributions to the Ceremony, to The Flower Shop in Bridgnorth for the beautiful floral tribute, to all at The Old Waggon and Horses, at Ismere for your hospitality and for looking after everyone so well afterwards and to The Revd. Ruth Sims and Organist Mr. Paul Jones for leading us in a most comforting Service.

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Entertainment came in the form of Four Giant singing Robins along with live music from local harpist Rosie Davies, balloon modelling and face painting.

Customer's taste buds were tempted with seasonal food tasting from the Garden Centre's range of festive foods as well as a food festival showcasing local artisan food producers. Gardening Club members also enjoyed an amazing 20 per cent off all of their purchases on the evening.

Alyson Haywood, general manager said: "The evening was a great success, we welcomed over 900 people, it was wonderful to see so many of our regular customers to showcase our Christmas department.

"The singing robins are a particular favourite of mine and I'm sure that customers young and old will be smiling and singing along throughout the festive period."

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Charley's on the up as shop number 3 opens

Charley's is now at 16 High Street, Ellesmere.

IN LESS than six months an Oswestry business has opened a chain of three shops – it can now be found in Ellesmere too.

Charley's was opened at 3 Willow Street on June 8 by husband and wife team Simon and Charlotte Charley – selling a range of retail returns, but it quickly outgrew the building.

The couple opened Charley's 2, a second and larger premises on Castle Street previously occupied by Robin's Nest, where they are concentrating on household goods, white goods and furniture. And now the couple have realised an opening in Ellesmere with

Advertisement feature

Charley's 3 opening at 16 High Street. The Willow Street shop now concentrates on children's goods and in particular toys. A Santa's Grotto is in the plans for the festive season.

The idea to start up their own business came after the couple encountered crippling childcare costs of up to £1,000 a month for Evelyn, five, and Rosalie, two, when they were both employed.

"It just didn't stack up," said Simon. "Any money we were making was going on childcare so we looked at ways of working for ourselves and came up with the idea of selling retail goods which have been returned to manufacturers with small imperfections.

"We have had a tremendous response with people travelling from as far away as Shrewsbury and Wrexham."

Charlotte pointed out that all customers are made aware that the products may have slight damage.

"We point out all imperfections," she said. "It's vital that the customer knows exactly what they are buying.

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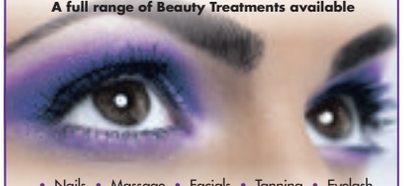

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Mollie's business empire growing as shop moves to a bigger premises

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SUCCESS really is sweet for seven-year-old schoolgirl Mollie Price with her business empire expanding into bigger premises in Welshpool.

With the help of her mother Becky and father Alan, she already has Mollie's shops in Newtown, Oswestry and Shrewsbury and was quickly outgrowing the Welshpool shop.

So the business has now relocated – but only a few yards down Broad Street to occupy a much bigger premises on The Cross.

One of the youngest entrepreneurs in the UK, Mollie is the brains behind aptly-named Mollie's, a modern sweet-shop selling traditional British sweets and American candy.

Her mother says Mollie – who organises and selects stock for each branch – is now determined to expand her empire.

Brains

Becky said: "It might sound crazy but Mollie is the real brains behind the operation. It was Mollie's idea to set up the first shop. She used to love going to pic n mix places and saw there was a gap in the market for it.

"She works in one of the stores on Saturday and wakes up at 5am on Sundays ready to go to our wholesale suppliers to restock. She asks her friends to test the sweets to decide which ones are good.

"She's definitely leaning towards a career in business and she has plans to take over the sweet shops when she's older. It's been a great learning experience for her."

Honouring her favourite film Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Mollie has included a plethora of Wonka products.

"Mollie has always loved sweet shops, whether it's drawing colourful pictures of shops stocked to the rafters with sweets of all colours or watching films such as Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," said Mrs Price.

"She has some wonderful ideas. For instance, we have two large tin soldiers standing guard at the entrance to our Shrewsbury shop which she insisted are called Alfie and George after her two brothers.

"She also came up with the idea of a temperature chart on the wall in Shrewsbury so if it's really cold we sell our Mr Whippy ice creams cheaper than when it's hot. For someone so young I believe that shows a marvellous business brain."

Becky Price with daughter Mollie.

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Spoons sent in from all over the world for Uri's sculpture

SPOONS from as far as New York and South Africa have been arriving at a business near Oswestry firm after bosses asked for help in building an unusual piece of art for Uri Geller.

The British Ironwork Centre at Aston, needs 5,000 spoons to finish off a 12 foot gorilla statue for the colourful illusionist.

Mr Geller says he will fly to Oswestry to pick the gorilla up and he will take it back to his Berkshire mansion in a cage hanging from a helicopter.

Ironworks spokesman Clive Knowles said: "It has gone absolutely mad and we have had spoons sent from everywhere.

by Iain St John

"Everyone seems to want to take part since we announced we were looking for the spoons and the media publicised the story.

"We have had a spoon from the Bronx in New York, that was one of the first to arrive, while we had one from Amsterdam, we have received them from South Africa, it has been crazy.

"It has really caught everyone's imagination and with their help I am sure we will soon get the 5,000 spoons we need.

"I think it is great publicity for Oswestry and for Shropshire.

"I think it will be lovely when Uri Geller comes here to our open day in May to unveil the finished work.

"It is positive news for the area and it shows Oswestry in a good light.

"We are already working on the design of the gorilla and we are looking at bending some of the spoons to create its hair.

"We have our staff working on it now and the next stage will be manufacturing it once we have the spoons."

The entertainer, famous for his spoon-bending feats commissioned the British Ironwork Centre to create the huge sculpture to sit in the garden of his luxury mansion.

Mr Geller often opens up his property to sick children as part of his charitable work.

He commissioned the work after meeting Clive to discuss new lighting for his garden.

Alfie Bradley and Clive Knowles from the British Ironwork Centre.

Man, 42, in court on drugs charge

AN OSWESTRY man has appeared in court accused of producing 40 cannabis plants and having a shortened shotgun at his former home in Harlow.

Royston James Pughe, 42, now of Shrewsbury Road in Oswestry, appeared at Chelmsford Magistrates Court over the allegations.

Magistrates declined jurisdiction to deal with the case and Pughe was told to appear at Chelmsford Crown Court on January 6 for a plea and case management hearing.

He is charged with producing 40 cannabis plants and having the gun without holding a firearm certificate, both on May 25 this year.

Angela Hughes, prosecuting, urged magistrates to send the case to the crown court because of its seriousness. The case involves two seed trays of cannabis plants in a greenhouse and it is also alleged that police carried out a search of Pughe's property in Harlow and found the gun in a bedroom.

Pugh was given unconditional bail.

Girls in the final

TWO girls from Moreton Hall Girls School near Oswestry – Stephanie Christenson, 13, and Emma Tilley, 16 – have qualified for the finals of the Thomas Cranmer verse and prose Awards after shining at this year's Shropshire competition.

Pupils in early GCSE passes

YEAR nine pupils at Ellesmere College passed GCSEs this summer two years early, staff have revealed.

Nineteen students at the college passed religious studies exams after taking part in three planned lessons a week. The course structure in year nine means that students are expected to study independently.

Two candidates gained an A* grade, with one student, Mia Foster, scoring 95 per cent on the paper. Seven achieved an A and 10 students a B grade.

Harry Orr, head of religious studies, said: "What the students have been able to achieve in year nine has been exceptional, if you think that these grades are normally only achieved after two years of studying in year 11."

Candidates who achieve their GCSE in year nine can go on to study for an AS level in religious studies in years 10 and 11. This year Seb McCarthy achieved a B at AS level, even though he was still in year 10.

Chance to take up a new hobby in water

ANYONE looking for a new sporting hobby is invited to try canoeing at Shropshire Paddlesport, near Oswestry.

Starter sessions will be held at the club at Queens Head, just off the A483, every Saturday until December 14 from 9am to 11.45am, weather permitting.

The sessions are suitable for all ages and all equipment will be provided.

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Laughs at library

CHILDREN aged three and over are invited to call in to their library for laugh-out-loud stories and activities.

The sessions are at Ellesmere Library on October 29 from 2pm to 3pm and at Gobowen Library the following day from 11am to noon.

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Chamber of Commerce signs up to fundraising challenge

A SERIES of fundraising events will be organised by business brains in Oswestry in support of Hope House Children's Hospice.

Members of Oswestry Chamber of Commerce have signed up for Hope House Children's Hospice's Corporate Challenge.

The chamber has been given £50 by the charity and challenged to increase it by as much as is legally and ethically possible within 90 days. A full programme of fundraising events will be released at the chamber's next meeting on November 6.

Heather Noble, chairwoman of the chamber, said: "We are planning a number of exciting events and will be releasing details of these and how chamber members can get involved at the next full chamber of commerce meeting on November 6.

by Pam Griffin

"All money raised in the corporate challenge will be used to provide the vital services Hope House provides to local terminally ill children and their families."

Fundraising initiatives can be as simple or as complex as participants want. They can be a one off event, a range of activities or continue for the whole 90 days of the challenge.

Lynsey Kilvert, from Hope House, said: "The challenge is a high-profile fun project, an opportunity to build team spirit within your company and to network with other regional and local organisations who are taking part.

"How the companies spend the £50 is their choice – maybe they will buy funny costumes to wear in a sponsored run."

Previous participants include Telford-based SmartWater Technology Ltd, which earned over £2,400 through dress down days, raffles, cook-offs, table top sales, and a tombola, while employees from Phillips Chartered Accountants raised £2,500 by taking part in a 30-mile sponsored walk from their office in Telford Town Centre to Hope House, in Oswestry.

Companies can contact the fundraising office on (01691) 671671 or the chamber of **info@oswestrychamber.org.uk**

Preparing for the Hope House Business Challenge are, from left, Lynsey Kilvert, from Hope House; Fiona Barnes, secretary of the chamber; Jools Payne from the Jools Payne Partnership; Heather Noble, chairman of the chamber; and Carrie Morris, from Booka Book Shop. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

Job boost as garage proposes expansion

A NATIONAL garage chain is planning to expand its garage in Oswestry to allow it to carry out MOTs for goods vehicles.

The extension of Kwik-Fit on Whittington Road would also create an extra job at the garage.

Plans have been drawn up by DGG Planning Ltd for the extension, which will be built at the back of the existing garage on currently overgrown land.

To make room for the new Class VII goods vehicles MOT bay the current storage containers would be removed and a new permanent store area will be created.

The plans have been submitted to Shropshire Council, which is expected to make a decision before the end of the year.

Poets reading work at library

POETS Liz Lefroy and Gareth Owen will read their work at Oswestry Library on Saturday at 2pm.

In the lead-up to commemorations to mark the centenary of the First World War, Gareth will read Wilfred Owen poems. Tickets are £3. Call (01691) 677388 or e-mail **oswestry.library@shropshire.gov.uk**

Legal bid taken on care centres

A HIGH Court legal challenge has been launched to stop the imminent closure of adult day care centres in Shropshire.

Specialist lawyers have issued court proceedings to seek permission for a judicial review over Shropshire Council's decision to close two centres in Oswestry and two in Shrewsbury.

It comes as two adults with learning disabilities instructed national law firm Irwin Mitchell Solicitors to act on their behalf.

The Hartley's day care centre and Sabrina Court in Shrewsbury are earmarked for immediate closure, while Avalon and Lorne Street in Oswestry will close.

After alleged problems with the consultation process, lawyers say they asked council bosses to halt their closure plans for Hartley's, in Monkmoor.

Stephen Chandler, director of adult social care, said: "We are aware of the contact made by the law firm, and do not agree that there are any grounds for a judicial review."

Wildlife courses offered at college

YOUNGSTERS interested in a career in gamekeeping can now enrol on a new course being launched at a college.

Apprentiships in gamekeeping and wildlife management are now an option at Walford and North Shropshire College which has a campus in Baschurch.

Students can undertake a level two or a level three course. No qualifications are needed for the level two apprenticeship, all that is requested is enthusiasm and a motivation to work outdoors.

The level two qualification will have to be passed before anyone can progress onto level three.

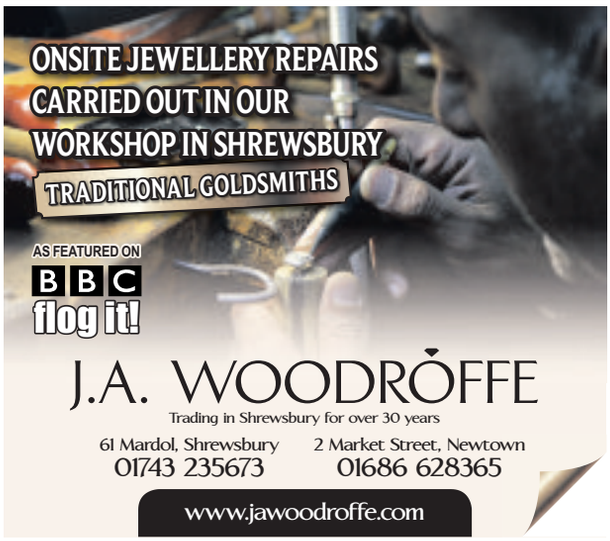
A spokesman for the college said: "For both these courses progression rates into employment are very good." For more information about the courses call the college on (01939) 262172.

Drawing course for beginners

A BEGINNERS' drawing course has started led by artist Leo Donaghy at the Willow Gallery, Oswestry.

It runs on Thursdays from 9.30am-1pm. Sessions cost £15, or £50 for all four weeks.

Call (01691) 657575 to book, as places are limited.



Students in play at home of the Bard

A GROUP of drama students have been given the chance to perform live outside Shakespeare's house.

The sixth form students from Ellesmere College went to Stratford-upon-Avon to explore Shakespeare's life, his work and meet members of the Royal Shakespeare Company.

The budding actors were able to perform a piece from A Midsummer's Night's Dream to a live audience and visitors organised by a group called Shakespeare Aloud.

Pippa Bell, director of drama at the college, said: "This visit was about providing our students with the opportunity to experience live performance and gain valuable insights from leading industry professionals.

"We have a great relationship with Shakespeare Aloud, who also visit us at Ellesmere to host workshops for students."

As part of the trip students met with former Royal Shakespeare Company costume mistress Judy Methuen and high profile actors Pippa Nixon and Jonathan Slinger who were performing in the RSC production of Hamlet.

Student Harry Stow said: "We were lucky enough to see them both perform in the evening, in one of the best performances of Hamlet that I have seen."

Katrina's skills are put to good use at hospital

WHEN you picture the people who work in a hospital, doctors, nurses, physiotherapists and pharmacists are the ones who immediately spring to mind.

But Katrina Morphet has been working at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital for the past 17 years in a very different, but very public, field.

The 49-year-old has combined her talent for communication with a love of sport and health in her role in marketing and communications at the Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Hospital in Gobowen.

WOMEN OF SUBSTANCE
with Pam Griffin

"Why do I do it? Because I enjoy it!" she said. "Marketing worthwhile causes is the key motivation for me.

"Working with specialists at the highest level, promoting new developments with a relentless focus on quality for the benefit of patients, is a very rewarding role.

"We also have a very skilled medical illustration department which helps make things run smoothly."

As head of her own PR company, KAM Associates, Katrina also works with other organisations, but she said there is "something special" about the hospital.

"RJAH has a great story to tell and is a fantastic place to work," she said.

"I have been associated with the orthopaedic hospital for almost 17 years, having begun working in the NHS elsewhere, 10 years after graduating.

"There is something very special about the culture at RJAH – that's why patients give such high satisfaction ratings and people find it difficult to leave."

Katrina's day-to-day work involves preparing marketing plans, carrying out surveys, organising events, writing newsletters and articles, liaising with newspapers, magazines, radio and TV, producing patient information films and helping with charitable fundraising.

Having graduated in business from Edinburgh in 1986, Katrina, who is from Cheshire, went on to qualify as a chartered marketer.

And she is now keen to help young people who are looking to start a career in marketing, and so has a policy of employing a graduate each year.

She said: "Every year I take on a marketing intern to mentor for 12 months, as their first job out of university.

"I benefitted from similar schemes in various countries in my early career – it's valuable to be involved in this type of training. This year our intern, Harriette, is from Wem."

Katrina Morphet at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

Wartime refugee's escape to England

OCTOBER'S speaker for the Ellesmere Society was Dr Alfred Brameller, who told members about his journey from Poland to England in the 1940s during the Second World War.

Alfred was born in Krakow Poland to a Jewish mother and a Catholic father. Because he was born into a mixed marriage the Catholic church removed Alfred and placed him in an orphanage. He was then fostered by a Jewish couple, and later given to his mother to bring up.

At the age of 12 war broke out and Alfred and his mother were moved to a refugee camp in Russia, living in wooden huts with no heating, and for 10 months of the year with average temperatures of -40F.

From there Alfred managed to reach England via India, and in spite of having missed five years of schooling he managed to educate himself from books and learn English. At the same time Alfred attended various technical collages in Wolverhampton and Manchester, and eventually studied electrical engineering, becoming a global expert and author on electrical distribution and systems analysis.

The society's next meeting is on November 19, when Judge M Mander will give a talk entitled "A Judicial Pot Pourri".

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Night of cabaret has raised £3,000

A CABARET night in a small Mid Wales town raised more than £3,000 for charity.

Members of the Castle Belles Choir, who hosted the event and also performed, said they were delighted with the remarkable sum.

The group only formed 12 months ago in Llanfair Caereinion but has already picked up a loyal following in the area and the cabaret night was its picked money-spinning event so far.

The sold-out event at Llanfair Leisure Centre raised a total of £2,568 on the night and that money will be spilt between Severn Hospice, Cystic Fibrosis Research and the Royal Marsden Hospital cancer appeal. A further £750 was given by Barclays to Cystic Fibrosis Research through a match funding arrangement.

Choir member Margaret Jones said: "We are all delighted with how successful the night was and delighted with the money raised.

"Everything we do is for a good cause. We have done events before but this was our biggest one.

"The night went really well and the leisure centre was sold out. We had the maximum of 320 people and we could have sold another 100 tickets."

Film-makers horsing around

by Toby Neal

YOU'VE heard of the famous Western "Paint Your Wagon" but what about the little-known Western filmed in Shropshire which might have been called "Paint Your Horse?"

With five cowboys and just one horse, the movie-making team from Shrewsbury School of Art solved the problem by painting the horse a different colour every time it had a different rider.

One moment it would be piebald, the next a brown stallion.

Well, at least that is how the story was told when it was reported in both the national and the local press.

But for the truth of the matter, we turn to one of those students, Keith Reynolds, now 72 from Kinnerley.

"It's a load of old ********," said Keith, who had the part of one of those cowboys. "The horse was never painted."

The movie, which was called "The Brothers Cane", or Kane, reports vary on the point, was filmed in Ferraniacolor on an 8mm camera in June and July 1961 on location near Queen's Head, near Oswestry, and at Atcham.

Keith says the playing time was about 15 to 20 minutes and it was directed by Mike Jones, of Monkmoor Road, Shrewsbury, and written by Dave Lee (or Lea). Starring among a cast of 10 were Dave Lee/Lea (gunman), Brian Gough (bad brother), Keith Reynolds (good brother), and Dave Rickers as the town bully. Teresa Reynolds appeared as an extra.

The Shrewsbury Chronicle described it as a full colour epic in the classic Hollywood manner which was filmed at a derelict fertiliser factory near Queen's Head – Keith thinks it was at Rednal.

"The original idea, script writer David Lea told The Chronicle this week, was to film all the horseback shots over a hedge. The 'riders' would then walk along, bobbing up and down as though they were on horseback," it reported.

Out comes the paintbrush to give Starlight a new colour scheme – or so it was reported at the time.

"David, son of the proprietor of the Lion and Pheasant, Wyle Cop, said the film would be serious and the plot would be typically Hollywood."

For its part, the Daily Express called it the craziest Western ever made in England. It identified the grey colt which was allegedly to get a fresh coat of paint in every scene as Starlight.

Starlight was said to be a Hunter loaned by a friend of one of the students and, if the students were satisfied with the film, it would have been entered for Amateur Cine World's 10 best films competition. Keith says: "We never entered it, for some reason. The director actually worked for the BBC and it was really well done." And what happened to the film?

"The lad who kept the film was Brian Gough. He lived in Whittington but worked in London. His house there was burgled – and the film went," said Keith.

Ex-castle worker's medals donated

WAR medals and memorabilia belonging to a former worker at Chirk Castle have been handed over to staff by members of his family.

The family of Albert Unwin, who worked at Chirk Castle for the from 1911 to 1946, visited the castle to present his collection of World War One medals and artefacts.

Among the items being donated were Mr Unwin's Distinguished Service Order, his trench helmet and his Cledd – a Welsh trench knife.

The Cledd is a particularly local piece of memorabilia, as during the First World War Lord Howard de Walden designed and supplied a Cledd, based on medieval Welsh hunting knives, for the Royal Welch Fusiliers to use in the trenches.

Inscribed with "Dros Urddas Cymru" – For the Honour of Wales – the Cledds were seen as a representation of the hardship and sacrifice so many young men endured in the trenches.

Carolyn Latham, house manager at Chirk Castle, said: "We are honoured that Mr Unwin's family are donating these precious items that so convey not just Albert's story but the story of many local men and the experiences they went through."

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WILDSIDE

Council is urged to increase local ties

A POLICE chief has urged Powys County Council to strengthen ties with other public sector bodies as it faces a multi-million pound funding gap.

Christopher Salmon, who is Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys Police, said he believes councils across Wales are facing a "huge" challenge but urged bosses to work closer with each other and other public and private sector bodies.

Mr Salmon said that in his view residents' needs should come first and said the force has also had to overcome large funding cuts.

It was revealed last week that the county council is facing a £20 million funding gap. Mr Salmon said: "Local government in Wales faces a huge challenge but it's crucial we tackle the deficit.

"My view is that peoples' needs should come first; the answer for local councils lies in working closely with each other, public sector bodies and with the private sector."

Double feature

TWO films will be screened in Ellesmere Town Hall next week.

Despicable Me 2, rated U, will be shown on Wednesday at 5pm, and *About Time*, (12a), will be on the same day at 7.30pm. Tickets are £4 from Fashelles.

Soak up the beauty, embrace autumn for a 'dew' reward

ON THE WILD SIDE

by Ben Waddams

I SEEM to be having a great deal of success in wetting myself at the moment.

The problem is particularly apparent on dog walks and although it seems to have been raining for the best part of October, it is not in fact the rain I am referring to.

Like most pooch proprietors, I do my first walk in the early morning and at this time of the year I have to be careful where I go. Being out early in the countryside is always a good thing. There is often far more to see as animals of all species begin to stir. And on the right days it is possible to see exactly where some of the tiniest creatures have been. Both this minute tracking phenomenon and my beleaguered trousers, all transpire due to dew.

'Droplets of water' may not be the most exciting way to open a column, but it is important to know where they come from and why. Dew is water in the form of globules that appears on thin, exposed objects in the morning or evening owing to condensation. As the exposed surface cools by radiating its heat, atmospheric moisture condenses at a rate greater than that at which it can evaporate, resulting in the formation of water droplets. Done.

And yet such a dull process can be the seed for unprecedented beauty. Those 'exposed objects' are usually grass stems and in October, the grass species are still long enough to droop over the path in sufficient lengths and heights to cause wet trousers, whether you've got your wellies on or not. But 'exposed objects' can also come in the form of spider's webs.

We've all seen these beautiful objects with the morning sun glinting off the condensation and in the process, making the webs completely useless. But in the autumn there are a lot of spiders around and they're not all concerned with building webs.

Young spiders don't tend to crawl about much in order to move to new lands, but instead they parachute, climbing to a 'high' point (I suppose it's all relative when you stand no higher than a millimetre), emitting a strand if silk and letting the wind do the rest. These 'parachutes' are then disconnected when the spider touches the ground and hey presto, they become dew covered the next morning.

Young spiders can travel a great distance using this technique, even crossing seas. But an animal (actually 3 different animals) that doesn't need a parachute is also winging its way towards us this month. Redwings, Fieldfares and Waxwings are all converging on the UK towards the end of this month.

Although you'll need a bit of luck to see them as they tend to flock en-mass and if you miss the flock, you've missed your chance, they often seem to turn up in supermarket car parks. Ornamental rowen trees are a favourite, especially with waxwings and in many cases, these beautiful Scandinavian migrants can be observed at close quarters. So far from hunching up next to the radiator or wood burner, embrace autumn and the oncoming winter, keep your eyes open and you'll be 'dewly' rewarded.

Ben's wildlife prints can be seen in the Boathouse Restaurant, Ellesmere.

Fieldfare study **– acrylic on board – by Ben Waddams.**

Craft fairs are due to take place at gallery

THE Willow Gallery in Oswestry will be hosting two craft fairs to showcase the work of local artists and creators during the next six weeks.

An autumn craft fair will be held on Saturday from 10am to 5pm at the gallery in Willow Street.

This will be followed by a Christmas craft fair on November 30 from 10am to 5pm.

Both events will include children's craft activities.

Gallery curator Tereska Shepherd said: "These events help promote local artists and crafters creating handmade and locally produced products from in and around Oswestry.

"Events like this support all the small businesses that make a living from craft fairs and also give the public an opportunity to see that Oswestry is full of creative talent and there's more going on than people may realise.

"Craft fairs also give the public a chance to meet the artist and to learn about their craft and even the chance to have a go at something new themselves or commission a unique product.

"It is vital that Oswestry supports the people that make it such a creatively diverse and inspiring place to be."

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GIG GUIDE

Performance date for Irish musicians

GIG GUIDE with Edward Roberts

THERE'S a huge night of entertainment at The Angel in Welshpool on Saturday with three acts expected to keep a packed house entertained.

Tomos Lewis, Rose Cheney and Steve Edwards will be on stage from 8pm so you'll need to be in early for a good seat.

The Live@TheAngel event is the most recent in a series of shows aimed at keeping the Welshpool public entertained before heading to Molto nightclub, which is directly opposite the Angel and run by the same management team.

Music fans are in for something special as traditional Irish music band Craobhh Rua will be performing at the Cross Keys, Selattyn, on Friday night.

Pronounced Crave Roo-Ah meaning red branch in Irish, the band's name derives from the Red Branch Knights of Ulster, staying true to their Celtic roots.

Hailing from Belfast, the band has delighted music fans across the world, performing at festivals and concerts in places as far afield as the USA and Canada.

They have also made numerous appearances on the BBC as well as performing at the Smithsonian Concert Series in Washington DC.

The band is made up of Brian Connelly on banjo and mandolin, Michael Cassidy on fiddle, Desy McCabe on uilleann pipes and tin whistle and Jim Rainey handles guitar and vocal duties.

Steve Edwards is on stage at The Angel on Saturday.

If you haven't heard their music before, you can expect a lively set full of energetic high tempo music.

Over the years the band have released five albums, with the most recent being *If Ida Been Here Ida Been There*. This is really one you don't want to miss.

The gig starts at 8pm with tickets costing £10 for adults and £5 for children. For more information ring 01691 650293.

Talented singer songwriter Dai Robs will be performing at The Lowfield Inn, Marton, on Friday night.

Originating from Machynlleth area, Dai spent his youth listening to Motown and country, and its influence can be heard in his music, which has a laid back, blues tinged feel, while his song writing comprises of intelligent and honest lyrics.

Armed with just an acoustic guitar you can expect plenty of original material with the odd cover thrown into the mix. Since starting his music career he has played at venues all across the UK, including the O2.

His single *Waiting for You*, released in 2011, was featured on BBC Radio Wales as its single of the week. His most recent single *Two Sets of Feet* is currently available on iTunes, if you want to check it out. The gig starts at 8pm and is free.

If you're in Welshpool on Friday night, head along to the Royal Oak as Dangerous Dave Rea will be performing. Back by popular demand the seasoned performer will be playing a variety of popular covers and a few curveballs to keep you interested. The gig starts at 9pm and is free.

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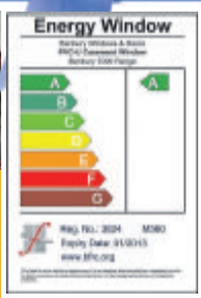

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Childrens' TV star to perform in town

by Sue Austin

CBEEBIES television presenter Mike Amatt is putting the "art" into cartoon by bringing his zany children's show to Oswestry during half term.

The event will be held at The Marches School in Oswestry on Tuesday at 2pm with families shown how to create a range of cartoon characters.

Mike created the cartoon characters for his first TV series, Mop and Smiff, in the 1980s and then went on to write and present Playschool.

More recently he presented Forget-me-not-Farm on BBC1 before before it was shown on CBeebies.

"I try to keep the stage show up to date with the character the children love to learn how to draw such as SpongeBob, but I also keep some of the old favourites in like Mickey Mouse.

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"There are lots of lollipops to give away and at one point I have six children on stage playing rock guitars. I even have a spooky ghost story as I paint a haunted castle with ultraviolet paint.

"It's a busy show because that's what children enjoy.

"I know because all three of my own children loved watching illustrations develop and come to life."

As well as doing his stage shows, Mike also visits schools with various performances and workshops for creative writing.

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08 08	Ford Focus 2.0 Tdci Titanium Diesel 5dr, Ocean Blue	£7,695
08 58	Ford Focus 1.6 Zetec climate 5dr, Morrello	£5,995
10 10	Ford Focus 1.6 Zetec climate Automatic 5dr, Vision Blue	£7,995
10 60	Ford Focus 1.6 Tdci Zetec Diesel 5dr, Vision Blue	£7,995
10 10	Ford Ka 1.25 Studio 3dr, Choice	£5,495
10 60	Ford Mondeo 1.8 Tdci Zetec Diesel 5dr, Sea Grey	£9,495
10 60	Mondeo 2.0 Tdci Titanium"X" Powershift Auto Diesel 5dr	£13,695

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10 60	Kia Ceed' 1.6 Crdi Level 2 Diesel 5dr, Brilliant Black	£9,495
12 12	Kia Ceed' 1.6 Crdi VR-7 Diesel 5dr, Met Grey	£9,995
07 57	Kia Picanto 1.1 Ice Automatic Special Edtn, Met Grey	£3,795
11 11	Kia Picanto1.1 Domino 5dr, Brilliant Black	£5,495
11 11	New Mdl Kia Picanto Level 2 Ecodynamics 5dr, Blaze Red	£6,995
11 11	New Mdl Kia Picanto Level 3 5dr, Lemongrass	£7,995
10 60	Kia Soul 1.6 Crdi Echo Special Edtn Diesel 5dr, White/Graphics	£9,995
12 62	Kia Venga 1.4 Crdi Level 2 diesel 5dr, Sparkling Black	£11,495
12 12	Kia Venga 1.4 Crdi Level 2 Diesel 5dr, Silver	£10,695
12 12	Kia Venga 1.4 Crdi Level 2 Diesel 5dr, Met Blue	£10,495

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12 62	New Mdl Kia Ceed'1.6 Crdi L 3 Diesel 5dr(7 Yr Warranty), Choice of Met	£14,995
12 62	New Mdl Kia Ceed'1.6 Crdi L 2 Diesel 5dr(7 Yr Warranty),Choice of Met	£13,995

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12 62	Ford Kuga 2.0Tdci Titanium"X" Diesel (App Pack, Panoramic roof, Frozen White	£21,995
10 60	Ford Kuga 2.5T Titanium 4x4, Panther Black	£9,995
10 10	Ford S-Max 2.0 Tdci Titanium Diesel 7 Seater, Sea Grey	£12,695
12 12	Ford S-Max 2.0 Tdci Titanium"X" Sport Diesel 7 Seater(Panoramic Roof), Frozen White	£19,995
07 57	Landrover Freelander 2.2 XS TD4 Diesel(Sat Nav), Met Red	£12,995
11 11	Mazda CX-7 Sport Tech Diesel 4x4, White	£16,995
10 60	Nissan Quashqai 1.5 Dci Acenta+2 Diesel 7 Seat, Black	£12,495
10 10	Kia Ceed 1.6 Crdi Level 3 Diesel Estate, Silver	£7,995
13 62	New Mdl Kia Ceed 1.6 Crdi Ecodynamics L2 Diesel Estate	£14,995
10 60	New Mdl Kia Sportage 2.0 KX-2 Auto 4x4 (Panoramic Roof), Silver	£17,495
13 13	New Mdl Kia Sportage 2.0 Crdi KX-2 Diesel 4x4(Panoramic Roof	£21,995
10 60	Kia Sorento 2.2 Crdi Level 1 Diesel 4x4 Auto, Silver	£15,995
12 62	Kia Sorento 2.2 Crdi Atlas (Special Edtn) Diesel 4x4 (Full Leather,Sat Nav), Met Grey	£22,995
10 59	Volkswagen Passat 2.0 Tdi Highline Diesel Estate, Silver	£11,995

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12 12	New Mdl Ford Grand C-Max 1.6 Zetec 7 Seat MPV, Black	£12,495
08 08	Ford Galaxy 2.3 Ghia Automatic 7 Seat, Colorado Red	£8,695
12 12	Ford S-Max 2.0 Tdci Titanium X sport 163 Diesel 7 seater (Panoramic Roof), Frozen White	£19,995
09 09	Kia Carens 2.0 Crdi"LS Diesel 7 Seater, Silver	£7,695
10 10	Toyota Verso V-Matic TR, 7 Seat (Panoramic Roof), Silver	£10,495
10 10	Vauxhall Zafira 1.7Cdti Design Ecoflex Diesel 7 Seat, Met Blue	£8,995
07 07	Vauxhall Zafira 1.6 Club 7 Seater, Silver	£4,695

MAZDA SELECTION PETROL & DIESEL

08 08	Mazda 2 Sport 5dr, Met Grey	£6,495
09 59	Mazda 2"TS"5dr, Met Grey	£5,995
08 58	Mazda 3 Takara 5dr, Met blue	£5,995
12 61	Mazda 3 Takuya 1.6 5 dr, Met Grey	£11,695
12 62	Mazda 3 TS2 Diesel 5dr, Velocity red	£11,995

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07 56	Suzuki Swift 1.5 VVTS GLX 5dr, Black	£4,995
09 58	Toyota Aygo 1.0 Platinum VVT-i 5dr, Silver	£4,995
07 57	Toyota Yaris 1.8"SR"5dr, Red	£5,495
07 07	Toyota Yaris 1.3 T3 5dr, Black	£4,995
11 60	Vauxhall Astra 1.7 Cdti Exclusive Diesel 5dr, Red	£8,695
10 60	Vauxhall Astra 1.7 Cdti Exclusive Diesel 5dr, Black	£8,495
10 60	Vauxhall Corsa 1.3 Cdti Ecoflex Energy Diesel 5dr, Met grey	£7,495
09 09	Volkswagen Passat 2.0 Tdi Cr Highline Diesel 4dr, Silver	£8,995

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11 60	Ford Fiesta 1.6 Tdci Zetec S Diesel 3dr(New Shape), Micastone	£9,695
09 59	Ford Focus 1.8 Zetec"S" 5dr Sports hatch, Sea Grey	£8,695
11 11	Lexus IS 200d Sport Diesel,Sat Nav,Part Leather, Reversing Camera, Met Blue	£17,695
11 61	Mazda 2.3T MPS 5 dr Sports Hatch, Silver	£14,695
07 07	Mazda MX-5 1.8i Convertible, Red	£7,695
08 08	Mazda MX-5 Roadster, Black	£9,995
10 60	Peugeot RCZ THP Sport156 Sports Coupe', Met Grey	£13,995
10 60	Vauxhall Astra 1.7 Cdti"Sri" Ecoflex Diesel 5dr, Black	£9,495

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05 Reg	Audi A4 Diesel 5dr, Black, 79,285mls	£6,495
08 Reg	Audi A4 4dr, Black, 31,599mls	£10,495
07 Reg	Audi TT Coupe Tiptronic Automatic 3dr, Grey, 71,798mls	£11,995
10 Reg	BMW 116 Sport White, 36,912mls, 2010, 5dr, Diesel	£11,995
09 Reg	Citroen C3 Picasso VTR+ Grey, 48,157mls, 5dr, Diesel	£7,295
07 Reg	Daihatsu Sirion S Black, 64,833mls, 5dr	£3,995
10 Reg	Fiat Punto Evo GP Blue, 41,034mls, 5dr	£6,495
13 Reg	Ford C-Max Titanium Grey, 6,589mls, 5dr, Diesel	£16,495
10 Reg	Ford C-Max Zetec Grey, 24,408mls, 5dr, Diesel	£8,695
08 Reg	Ford Fiesta Ghia, Black, 46,921mls, 5dr	£5,295
08 Reg	Ford Fiesta Ghia, Black, 61,058mls, 5dr, Diesel	£4,995
12 Reg	Ford Fiesta S1600 Blue, 10,069mls 3dr	£11,995
11 Reg	Ford Fiesta Titanium Red, 32,261mls, 3dr, Diesel	£8,995
09 Reg	Ford Fiesta Titanium Grey, 60,596mls, 3dr	£7,495
12 Reg	Ford Fiesta Zetec Silver, 12,750mls, 5dr, Diesel	£10,495
10 Reg	Ford Fiesta Zetec Pink, 47,324mls, 5dr	£7,495
12 Reg	Ford Fiesta Zetec Black, 32,992mls, 5dr, Diesel	£9,695
03 Reg	Ford Fiesta Zetec Silver, 52,985mls, 5dr	£3,295
11 Reg	Ford Fiesta Zetec Black, 29,896mls, 5dr	£8,295
12 Reg	Ford Fiesta Zetec Red, 6,779mls, 5dr	£9,495
08 Reg	Ford Fiesta Zetec Climate Silver, 17,445mls, 5dr	£5,495
10 Reg	Ford Fiesta Zetec S Silver, 17,857mls, 3dr	£9,995
13 Reg	Ford Focus Titanium, Grey, 5,978mls, 5dr, Diesel	£19,495
12 Reg	Focus Titanium, Gold, Tiptronic Auto, 20,824mls, 5dr, Diesel	£15,995
10 Reg	Ford Focus Titanium Red, 19,062mls, 5dr	£9,695
12 Reg	Ford Focus Titanium Red, 10,491mls, 5dr, Diesel	£14,995
12 Reg	Ford Focus Titanium White, 11,000mls, 5dr, Diesel	£13,995
12 Reg	Ford Focus Zetec, Black, 35,608mls, 5dr	£9,795
12 Reg	Ford Focus Zetec, Silver, 19,487mls, 5dr, Diesel	£12,995
12 Reg	Ford Focus Zetec, Grey, 45,013mls, 5dr, Diesel	£11,695
12 Reg	Ford Focus Zetec, Blue, 30,183mls, 5dr, Diesel	£12,495
12 Reg	Focus Zetec, Silver, Tiptronic Auto, 21,832mls, 5dr, Diesel	£15,995
09 Reg	Ford Focus Zetec, Blue, 68,297mls, 5dr, Diesel	£6,995
12 Reg	Ford Focus Zetec, Silver, 39,276mls, 5dr	£10,495
02 Reg	Ford Focus Zetec, Grey, 80,286mls, 5dr, Diesel	£6,295
09 Reg	Ford Focus Zetec, Blue, 49,052mls, 5dr, Diesel	£7,495
09 Reg	Ford Focus Zetec S, Black, 19,118mls, 5dr	£8,695
03 Reg	Ford Fusion One, Grey, 84,247mls, 5dr, Diesel	£2,995
10 Reg	Ford Fusion Zetec, Grey, Tiptronic Auto, 27,419mls, 5dr	£6,295
11 Reg	Ford Galaxy Zetec, Blue, Tiptronic Auto, 48,876mls, Diesel	£14,495
10 Reg	Ford Galaxy Zetec, Black, 27,524mls, 5dr, Diesel	£14,995
11 Reg	Ford Ka Edge, Silver, 2,990mls, 3dr	£6,995
10 Reg	Ford Ka Grand Prix, Red, 23,633mls, 2010, 3dr	£6,995
09 Reg	Ford Ka Studio, Silver, 3,288mls, 3dr	£6,295
07 Reg	Ford Mondeo Edge, Grey, 60,607mls, 5dr	£5,495
12 Reg	Ford Mondeo Titanium, Black, 17,849mls, 5dr, Diesel	£14,995
12 Reg	Mondeo Titanium, Black, Tiptronic Auto, 11,879mls, 5dr, Diesel	£16,995
11 Reg	Ford Mondeo Titanium, Blue, 45,602mls, 5dr, Diesel	£12,995
11 Reg	Ford Mondeo Titanium X, Silver, 40,378mls, 5dr, Diesel	£11,995
12 Reg	Ford Mondeo Titanium X, White, 35,434mls, 5dr, Diesel	£14,995
10 Reg	Ford Mondeo Titanium X, Silver, 37,068mls, 5dr, Diesel	£11,995
10 Reg	Ford Mondeo Titanium X Sport, Black, Tiptronic Auto, 35,875mls, 5dr, Sports pack, 18"wheels, heated seats	£10,995
12 Reg	Ford S-Max Titanium, Grey, 26,987mls, 5dr, Diesel	£17,995
10 Reg	Honda Insight SE, Grey, CVT, 31,371mls, 5dr/Hybrid	£7,995
10 Reg	Honda Insight SE, Silver, CVT, 34,740mls, 5dr/Hybrid	£7,995
09 Reg	Hyundai i10 ES, Silver, 23,435mls, 2009, 5dr	£5,995
05 Reg	Hyundai Tucson CDX, Silver, 66,763mls, 5dr, Diesel	£5,995
13 Reg	Kia ceed 2, Grey, 8,896mls, 5dr, Diesel	£15,995
13 Reg	Kia ceed 2, Red, Tiptronic Auto, 9,267mls, 5dr, Diesel	£15,995
12 Reg	Kia ceed 2, Red, 10,968mls, 5dr, Diesel	£13,995
10 Reg	Kia ceed 3, Silver, Automatic, 9,932mls, 5dr, Diesel	£9,695
12 Reg	Kia Picanto 1, Black, 30,451mls, 5dr	£6,695
13 Reg	Kia Pro ceed SE EcoDynamics, Black, 10,472mls, 3dr, Diesel	£14,995
13 Reg	Kia Pro ceed SE EcoDynamics, Silver, 4,137mls, 3dr, Diesel	£16,995
12 Reg	Kia Rio 2, Silver, 35,624mls, 2012, 5dr	£9,295
10 Reg	Kia Rio Domino, White, 18,397mls, 5dr	£5,995
13 Reg	Kia Sportage 2, Silver, 7,125mls, 5dr, Diesel	£18,995
11 Reg	Kia Sportage 2, Silver, 23,751mls, 5dr, Diesel	£16,495
13 Reg	Kia Sportage KX-2, Black, 12,489mls, 5dr, Diesel	£20,995
09 Reg	Kia Sportage XE, Black, 25,011mls, 5dr	£7,995
12 Reg	Kia Venga 2, Silver, 14,876mls, 5dr, Diesel	£10,995
10 Reg	Mazda 2 TS2, White, 16,416mls, 3dr	£6,995
12 Reg	Mercedes-Benz A Class Classic SE, Silver, 10,349mls, 5dr	£10,495
11 Reg	Nissan Juke Acenta Premium, Grey, 8,634mls, 5dr	£11,995
08 Reg	Nissan Micra Acenta, Red, Automatic, 26,091mls, 3dr	£5,295
05 Reg	Nissan Micra S, Black, Automatic, 49,042mls, 3dr	£3,995
11 Reg	Nissan Note N-Tec, Grey, 22,682mls, 5dr	£8,995
03 Reg	Peugeot 206 LX, Red, 67,116mls, 5dr, Diesel	£2,695
09 Reg	Peugeot 207 CC GT, Blue, 39,833mls, 2dr, Diesel	£8,995
08 Reg	Peugeot 207 S, Blue, 59,856mls, 5dr	£4,695
10 Reg	Peugeot 308 Sport, Silver, 22,406mls, 5dr, Diesel	£8,995
12 Reg	Renault Clio Dynamique Tom Tom, Silver, 7,763mls, 5dr	£8,295
07 Reg	Renault Scenic Dynamique, Blue, 47,548mls, 5dr	£3,995
13 Reg	Skoda Octavia Elegance, Silver, 8,018mls, 5dr, Diesel	£18,995
08 Reg	Ssangyong Rexton SX, Tiptronic Auto, 60,669mls, 5dr, Diesel	£7,995
08 Reg	Vauxhall Corsa Breeze, Silver, 17,491mls, 5dr	£5,695
10 Reg	Vauxhall Corsa Club, Blue, 25,095mls, 5dr	£6,695
07 Reg	Vauxhall Corsa Design, Silver, 33,389mls, 3dr	£4,995
10 Reg	Vauxhall Meriva S, Red, 31,294mls, 5dr, Diesel	£7,995
04 Reg	Volkswagen Polo Hatch E, Silver, 20,701mls, 5dr	£3,995
12 Reg	Volkswagen Polo Hatch S, Black, 19,158mls, 5dr	£8,495

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Welshpool livestock market

October 21
OTMS (76)

A SIZEABLE entry of over 30 month cattle along with a similar trade to last week sold to an average 118ppkg for the older cows, cows at 48-72 months sold to an average of 122ppkg, a bull at under 72 months sold to 139ppkg, a 48-72 month bull reached an average of 138ppkg and under 48 month heifers made an average of 137ppkg. A Limousin cow weighing 785kg from EH Pennie & Son, Gwern-yr-Ycha achieved the top market price of £1287.40; therefore Mr Pennie receives the Briarwood Products Limited Prize of £25 for the highest price older cow sold on the day.

A Limousin cow weighing 738kg made £1239.84 from EI Edwards, Bryncelyn. A Charollais bull under 72 months weighing 1152kg made a total of £1532.16 from CF Jones, Lower Cefnpenarth.

A Welsh Black heifer under 72 months that weighed 766kg made £1103.04 from DV Bebb, Gelli. An under 72 month Hereford bull weighing 871kg made a total of £1201.98 from WJ & CM Hodges, Broadway Hall. A Limousin heifer under 48 months weighing 655kg achieved £903.90

FAT CATTLE (16)

A large entry of 16 fat cattle were entered in this week's sale. A Limousin heifer weighing 496kg achieved a price of 263ppkg, presented by G Bound & Son, Cefn Bach. The Briarwood Products Limited Prize of £25 for the highest price pence per kilo goes to Mr Bound,Cefn Bach. A Charolais heifer weighing 564kg presented by MPB Ashton, Belan Ddu achieved a price of 248ppkg. A Limousin steer weighing 585kg presented by Jones Bros, Ystradolwyn made 220ppkg and another Limousin steer from EE & MJ Jones & Sons, Cwmbychan made 228ppkg.

PRIME LAMBS (5806)

An entry of 5806 prime lambs, achieving an average of 168ppkg.

Super Lights (13) to 125ppkg from E & E Jones, Rhiwgam. Average of 125ppkg.

Lights (473) to 181ppkg from PA Lloyd & TS Wierzbinski, Cartref. Others to 176ppkg from E&D Jones, Lluestwen. Average of 159ppkg.

Standards (1457) to 185ppkg from SH Lloyd, Penlan. Others to 183ppkg from Eo & VJ Roberts, Cefn Coed. Average of 163ppkg.

Mediums (2768) to 197ppkg from J Meredith, Lodge Farm. Others to 190ppkg from DR Owen & Sons, Sandilands. Average of 172ppkg

Heavies (1000) to 180ppkg from DR Owen & Sons, Sandilands. Others to 179ppkg from EA Marston, New House. Average of 161ppkg

Over Weights (95) to 167ppkg from B Lawrence & C Morgan, Maes Eglwys. Others to 161ppkg from CE Jones, Penygelli. Average of 151ppkg.

CULL EWE (3201)

A smaller number of cull ewes in this week with a slightly better trade, Cull Ewes averaged £41.21 this week and Cull Rams averaging £85.02. Top price for the ewes this week was £165 from HM Davies, Aberdauddwr, while others were to £150 from DR Owen & Sons, Sandilands farm. Cull rams topped the sale this week reaching £225 from G&M&A Jones, Cefndre, while others reached £205 from JM & A Jones, Wig. Weekly sale of cull sheep to follow immediately after the sale of prime lambs at approx 12 noon.

STORE EWES AND STORE LAMBS

Store Lambs: This Monday 827 Store Lambs were entered achieving an average price of £52 a head. The top price gained was £70 from Cefn Coed farms for Texel, mixed and clean lambs. £66.50 was the top price achieved for tup lambs coming from MH Pugh, Gilfach and CJ Newey, Mount Pleasant producing the top price of £63.50 for Texel Theave lambs.

Store Ewes: 1228 breeding ewes were entered with the top price of £128 coming from RWM Jones, LArden Grange for Mule yearling ewes. 127 ewe lambs were sold bringing a top price of £87 coming from KJ Llewelyn for mule ewe lambs. £86 was the top price achieved for Lleyn full mouth ewes coming from DG Williams, Derwyn and £82 from David Farmer, Red House producing the top price for 3 year old Texel ewes. Same again next Monday with store lambs being sold from 10.30am with breeding ewes at 11am followed by rams.

DAIRY

An entry of 10 dairy cattle met with a solid trade with heifers averaging £1610 and Cows £1570. Top price of the day was £2000 for a Riverdane Sizzler sired heifer from KS Jones & Son, Lane farm. Next at £1810 was a British Freisian heifer giving 6 gallon from DN Williams, Gilfach, Guilsfield. A Topshot heifer from Alun Morris, Maestanyglwden sold for £1690, whilst two further heifers from the same home made £1540 and £1500. A 3rd and 4th calver from GE Jones & Co, Tycerrig both giving 33 litres+ sold for £1590 and £1559. A breakdown of all prices achieved are as follows:- 2000+ 1 lot; 1800-2000 1 lot; 1600-1800 1 lot; 1500-1600 5 lots; <1500 2 lots.

Welshpool Livestock Sales
Sale of Multi Breed Ewe Lambs

Welshpool Livestock Sales had pleasure in holding a catalogue sale of 6659 Multi Breed Ewe Lambs including on behalf of the Welsh Half-bred Sheep Breeders' Association 230 Welsh Half-bred on Thursday, October 17. Top price pen of the day was received by E L Evans & Co Green Farm of £175 per head for a pen of 6 Pure Bred Texel Ewe Lambs which was bought by Powel, Drefor, Kerry.

Average on the day for all of the breeds was £75.

Other top prices are as follows:

Texel

£175 EL Evans & Co, Green Farm; £175 EL Evans & Co, Green Farm; £108 EL Evans & Co, Green Farm

Beulah

£150 G Bound & Son, Cefn Bach; £145 EL Evans & Co, Green Farm; £137 EL Evans & Co, Green Farm

Charolais

£132 S Evans, Green Farm

Welsh Half-bred

£90 JF Woosnam & Son, Eisteddle; £88 JF Woosnam & Son, Eisteddle; £78 RA George, Penybank; £78 RA George, Penybank

Welsh Mule Sale
October 10

The second of our Welsh Mule Sales here at the market on behalf of the Welsh Sheep Breeders' Association on October 10 found us with 8447 Welsh Mules here in the day.

1696 Welsh Mules Ewes presented sold to an average of £110.15 and top price was reached by CJ Beynon & Partners, Great Pitton Farm who achieved £145, and was bought by RP Richards, Borth.

Other top prices on the day for Mule Ewes are:

£141 from JE Evans & Son, Middle Nanterth,

£140 from IJ & MEO Jones, Plasmadoc

£140 from G Lewis, Sychlyn

6334 Ewe lambs were presented at the sale and they averaged £81.98 and top price was achieved by J Thomas & Son, Tanhouse Farm which was £128, this pen of Ewe Lambs was bought by RH & MG Williams, Pennant.

Other top prices on the day for Mule Ewe Lambs are: £122 from J Thomas & Son, Tanhouse Farm; £117 from JS Abel, Hendre-Aur £116 from Price, Hafod.

Oswestry cattle auctions

October 16
FAT CATTLE: (68)

A similar number forward with hardly any well fleshed cattle in the entry which has reflected in the average today. Bulls also harder to sell. Top slots hit 266p for Heifers, 238p for Bulls and 229p for Steers. Highest price in the lump was £1430 for a steer. Bottom book of 123p for a plain friesian bull. More cattle with meat needed in all sections

Young Bulls (33) Overall Average 175.5p.

Light Bulls (11) Average 161p (£705/head) Selling to 220p from P G & V Jones Tynycelyn

Medium Bulls (13) Average 166.5p (£875/head) Selling to 238p from D W & L Jones Arbennig

Heavy Bulls (9) Average 198.5p (£1230/head) Selling to 213p from J M Edwards Lower Morton Farm

Steers (13) Overall Average 181p.

Light Steers (1) Selling to 165p (£650/head) from T E Davies Derwendeg

Medium Steers (8) Average 186p (£935/head) Selling to 229p from R J T & G E Jones Penwtra

Heavy Steers (4) Average 176p (£1225/head) Selling to 210p from B J & G M Williams Hinwell House

Heifers (22) Overall Average 200p

Light Heifers (2) Average 196.5p (£745/head) Selling to 198p from G Watkin Brynfa

Medium Heifers (9) Average 193p (£875/head) Selling to 247p from R B Jones Wernddu

Heavy Heifers (11) Average 205p (£1185/head) Selling to 266p from R B Jones Wernddu

More cattle needed but please bring them finished. Not much meat equals not much money! Thank you for your support.

FAT LAMBS: (3339)

Superlights to 130p Lights to 170p average 149.5p, Standards to 185p average 161.5p, Mediums to 190p average 173.5p, Heavys to 182p average 167p, Others to 173p average 163.5p. Overall average 168p.

FAT EWES: (1118)

A similar entry found a very similar trade with the small proportion of stronger ewes finding a premium. Overall the average was £30 with a top price of £84 for ewes from T M & M P Evans & Son, Weston Rhyn. A good entry of 14 rams averaged £54 with a top price of £92 for a ram from E Hughes, Penycae.

Please Note : All sheep entering the Market must be tagged.

CALVES: (77)

Not the momentum of last week with few buyers forward today and consequently returns not so favourable. Small friesians hard to cash. Best Limousin Bulls to £320 & £302 from Messrs Andrew Neuadd Uchaf. British Blue Bulls to £305 from Messrs Davies Lower Fawnog £300 from Messrs Jones Trefarclawdd and Messrs Ellis Pentrewern. Charolais Heifers to £305 from Messrs Andrew Neuadd Uchaf £250 & £245 from Messrs Pryce Coedmawr. Limousin Heifers to £270 & £238 from Messrs Roberts Tyissa £254 from Messrs Savage Glanfeinion. British Blue Heifers to £240 & £228 from Messrs Wildbore Carreghofa. Saler Heifers to £240 & £235 from Messrs Jones Manor Farm. Hereford Heifers to £198 from Messrs Savage Glanfeinion. Aberdeen Angus Bulls to £210 from Messrs Ede Willow Farm £202 from Messrs James Church Farm. Friesian Bulls to £115 from Messrs Lloyd Pentref £108 from Messrs Foulkes Maesteg.

STORE CATTLE: (242)

Another good entry of stores forward met with a trade which did not quite reach the highs of last week but was certainly respectable with a total clearance reported. Top price of the day went to a cracking pen of 5 Charolais x steers aged 26-27 months sold by D W Roberts, Penybryn for £1375 (231p/kg).

147 steers averaged £1003 (202p/kg) with notable prices including: G E Davies & Sons, Llanrhaeadr sold an excellent run of Charolais & Limousin x steers aged 17 – 19 months with prices including: £1255 (218p/kg), £1240 (243p/kg), £1195 x 2 (242p/kg & 239p/kg).

A good run of Charolais x steers aged 15-17 months from J & E & R Griffiths, Clocaenog sold at £1270 (240p/kg), £1210 (242p/kg), £1175 (242p/kg) & £1160 (223p/kg).

£955 (239p/kg) paid for a Limousin x steer aged 16 months sold by E B Thomas, Brithdir.

95 heifers averaged £891 (193p/kg) with notable prices including: S Hudson, Lower Frankton sold 1 bunch of 5 British Blue x heifers aged 17-19 months for £1200 (212p/kg) and another 5 aged 17-18 months for £1090 (202p/kg).

B M Evans, Guilsfield sold 3 Limousin x heifers aged 16-17 months for £940 (209p/kg), £900 (209p/kg) & £910 (202p/kg).

£1030 (208p/kg) paid for 4 Limousin x heifers aged 19-20 months sold by S & B Lawrence & Son, Crickheath.

U72 & CULL COWS: (53)

An entry of 53 cattle met with another excellent trade. The quality of cattle on offer was much improved which is reflected in the overall average price. Top price Cow 168p/kg, Steer 185p/kg and Heifers 152p/kg. Top price Cow overall £1287.90 and Steers £1369.00

Cows

Charolais to 149p average 146p/kg; Limousin to 168p average 134.62p/kg; British Blue to 146p average 131.24p/kg; Friesian to 152p average 103.49p/kg; Others to 135p average 119.41p/kg

Heifers

Limousin to 144p average 132.21p/kg; Friesian to 156p average 148.41p/kg

Steers

British Blue to 185p average 164.85p/kg; Friesian to 157p average 154.94p/kg; 53 Cattle average 122.53p/kg

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Kia's latest sportswagon is a genuine player in market

Drive time with Graham Breeze

IT'S NOT that long ago when you wouldn't have given Kia a second thought when looking for an estate car – but that's all changed since the launch of the Cee'd Sportswagon.

For Kia now has a value-for-money option, with more space than you will probably ever need and kit levels you would expect from a much more expensive rival.

I've been telling friends and work colleagues about Kia improvements for some time now so it's no surprise really to find that the Sportswagon can compete in all the important areas and is a genuine player in this part of the market.

The car is not distinctive but there are some smart touches

With the seats down you get 1,642 litres of carrying space

There is a stylish soft-touch interior finish

Consumer

Kia bosses predicted that most buyers of the Sportswagon would want diesel so they made things easy for the consumer and didn't even bother with a petrol version.

The test car was a 1.6CRDi 3 and let's get straight to the important bit. You would really expect to pay a lot more than £21,095 for a car of this type, particularly remembering Kia's seven year warranty.

On the road the Sportswagon will match most of the opposition and is composed though steering at speed lacks that little something to encourage you to push that bit harder.

The cabin has enough stylish soft-touch plastics and panels to convince most potential buyers of its quality and the seating is comfortable too, with a wide range of adjustments for the driver's seat and steering wheel.

In the back there's ample leg and headroom for tall adults and the 528-litre boot grows to 1,642 litres with the seats folded flat and that's very competitive in this sector. There's also a flat loading bay, so no danger of damaging the boot lip.

There are five trim levels from basic 1 to 4 Tech. All get air-con, front electric windows, central locking, an iPod-compatible CD stereo and Bluetooth.

Reversing sensors are standard from Ceed 2, while the Ceed 3 on test came with a colour reversing camera integrated into the navigation screen.

Safety plays a major role for the decision makers today and the Cee'd won't disappoint.

There are twin front and side airbags, twin curtain airbags with roll-over sensors, ISOFIX child seat fittings, an engine immobiliser and deadlocks and speed sensing auto door locking.

Outwardly the Sportswagon is not that distinctive but it does have 16" alloys, chrome front grill, roof rails, tinted glass, front fog lights along with electrically adjustable and heated door mirrors.

The car is no slouch either with a top speed of 119mph, 0-60mph in 10.8seconds, combined fuel figures of 64.2mpg and CO2 emissions of only 116g/km.

Few manufactures are growing at the same pace as Kia at the moment and the Cee'd Sportswagon is an example of just why the company is on the up.

Take a look for yourself, you might be surprised.

Bumper to bumper

Kia Cee'd Sportswagon
Model: 1.6CRDi 3
Price: £21,095
Top speed: 119mph
0-60pmh: 10.8secs
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Motoring

Estate hitches up with major caravan award

The Škoda Superb Estate has driven off with the prestigious 2014 Caravan Club Towcar of the Year title – along with three individual category victories.

The new Octavia repeated the multiple successes of its predecessor, with the 1.2 TSI SE 105PS hatch model named best towcar in the £16,000 - £20,000 category. The judging panel singled out the Octavia's pulling power for special praise, commenting: "For such a little engine, the Octavia breezed around the hill route."

The recently refreshed Superb Estate Elegance 2.0 TDI CR 170PS 4x4 DSG not only triumphed in the £25,000-£31,000 category, it was also named the winner in the All-Terrain Under 1,800kg category and awarded overall Towcar of the Year.

The judges were impressed by the Superb Estate's all-round ability, saying: "With a loading limit of 100kg on the roof, 80kg on the towball and a boot that scored maximum marks, it's a very tough act to follow. You wouldn't know you were towing a caravan!"

Delighted

Announcing the award winners, Grenville Chamberlain, Caravan Club chairman, added: "The club extends its congratulations to all the winners in this competition. Special acclaim goes to the terrific Škoda Superb, which demonstrated that it was just about as good as it gets."

Commenting on the latest awards, Alasdair Stewart, brand director for Škoda UK said: "We're delighted to receive these important awards from the Caravan Club. At Škoda, we're always working hard to meet the needs of caravan owners and understand the unique requirements that go into making a great towcar."

Škoda has enjoyed success in previous awards, having won the overall title in 2010 for the Superb, and scored category victories for the Fabia, Yeti and Octavia

Citigo-go-go! Skoda's urban car is a winner

By Sharon Walters

The Citigo is another one of the genre of city cars that increasingly appear to dominate our urban landscape.

I get why you need them – small, economical, practical and all other great words used by public relations departments to convince us that as responsible drivers we should consider the environment. But, most of the city cars I have driven have left me totally cold in the enjoyment department.

Do you remember, not that long ago when you actually went for a drive for the sheer pleasure of driving? I do, and living in rural Shropshire with some great roads I was already contemplating what excuses I could make for not really driving the Citigo anywhere.

Practical

However, as a road tester, drive it I had to. The first surprise was the fact that it was a five-door car.

Why surprising? Well most city cars don't seem able to pull the four-door trick without making a massive compromise, usually in the looks or practicality department. Not in this case, it just looks well proportioned. And from a practical point it is easy to get in and out of the back without having to be a trained contortionist.

Sitting on 14inch alloys, the Citigo also looks the part and for a change it appears that the wheels were not an afterthought.

Made for town, but the Citigo is quite at home in the country

The PID device is a handy information attachment

This avoids the odd feeling of the body being perched on top of wheels that are too small for the rest of the car, as so often found with others in the genre.

Interior wise you get the usual standard of fitments that you have come to expect from Skoda. I liked the central speedo with the small rev counter – practical and funky.

The test car was also fitted with the PID (Portable Infotainment Device), suspended on its own bracket off the top of the dash which has sat nav, media player and a great trip computer that reminds me of the old terratrip units fitted to rally cars many years ago. The seats are comfortable and even though they had similar adjustment to the Rapid, I didn't suffer with any discomfort and they supported my body effectively.

So to the driving experience. The 1 litre engine is a three cylinder affair that kicks out around 75 bhp and accelerates the car from 0-60 in a shade more than 13 seconds.

While this doesn't sound particularly impressive, the way the engine revs coupled with the excellent five-speed gearbox means that you can get a move on with relative ease. Although the engine does need to be revved to get the best out of it, this has the added bonus of providing you with a three cylinder soundtrack which I loved.

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SPORT

League tables and results

Mercian Regional Football League

Premier division: Bridgnorth Reserves 2, Ketley Town 3; Allscott 0, Weston Rhyn 2;Church Stretton 2, Oakengates Athletic 0; Ketley Bank Utd 1, Whitchurch Alport 1; Morda Utd 5, Madeley Sports 1; Telford Jun 1, Prees 2; Wellington Amateurs Res 0, Shifnal Utd 5.

Division one: Brown Clee 6, Meole Brace 0; Childs Ercall 4, Oswestry Villa 1; Clee Hill 2, Bishops Castle Town 3; Dawley Town 10, Hopesgate Utd 0; Rock Rovers 0, Oswestry Town 0; Shrewsbury Utd 0, Hanwood Utd Reserves 7; Wrockwardine Wood Juniors 1, Oakengates Rangers 1.

Division two: AFC Wellington 11, Shrewsbury Utd Reserves 3; Claverley 5, Spalaig Britannia 0; Donnington Sports and Social 2, Wrockwardine Wood 3; Highley Miners Welfare 1, Market Drayton Tigers 3; Impact Utd 2, AFC Broseley 2; Ludlow Town Colts 13, Denso 0; Oswestry Villa Res 3, Albrighton Juniors 0.

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Telford Juniors	9	6	1	25	9	16	20
Oakengates Ath	11	6	3	28	14	14	20
FC Hodnet	10	6	2	19	13	6	20
Morda United	10	5	3	35	22	13	17
Whitchurch Alp R	12	4	3	18	18	0	17
Shifnal United 97	10	5	4	20	15	5	16
Weston Rhyn	11	4	4	21	20	1	15
Ketley Town	9	5	4	15	18	-3	15
Church Stretton	10	4	4	19	18	1	14
Madeley Sports	11	4	6	15	23	-8	13
Prees	9	4	5	13	16	-3	12
Ketley Bank Utd	10	3	4	15	20	-5	12
Wellington Ams R	10	3	4	15	21	-6	12
Bridgnorth T Res	11	1	6	13	28	-15	7
Allscott	11	0	7	9	25	-16	4

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Oswestry Town	11	9	0	47	9	38	29
Childs Ercall	9	9	0	48	5	43	27
Bishops Castle T	10	8	2	42	11	31	24
Oswestry Villa	10	6	3	33	18	15	19
Dawley Town	10	5	3	35	27	8	17
Hanwood Utd Res	9	5	3	31	12	19	16
Clee Hill	10	4	2	25	16	9	16
Wroxeter Rovers	7	4	0	25	7	18	15
Rock Rovers FC	8	4	2	34	17	17	14
Meole Brace	10	4	6	19	58	-39	12
Brown Clee	10	3	6	22	27	-5	10
Wrock Wood Jnrs	10	2	7	14	38	-24	7
Shawbury Utd R	10	1	7	12	33	-21	5
Oakengates Rngs	10	1	7	10	36	-26	5
Shrewsbury Utd	11	1	9	20	63	-43	4
Hopesgate United	11	0	9	14	54	-40	2

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	GD	Pts
AFC Broseley	11	9	0	67	12	55	29
Wrock Wood	11	9	0	58	14	44	29
AFC Wellington	10	7	2	66	20	46	22
Market D'ton Tgrs	11	7	3	40	22	18	22
Donnington S & S	10	7	3	56	28	28	21
Claverley	9	5	4	34	17	17	15
Impact	9	4	2	35	22	13	15
Ludlow T Colts	10	4	4	46	25	21	14
Spalaig Britannia	10	4	6	17	47	-30	12
Oswestry Villa R	10	3	7	14	33	-19	9
Shrewsbury Utd R	10	2	8	19	60	-41	6
Highley Miners W	9	1	6	18	28	-10	5
Albrighton Juniors	9	1	7	16	41	-25	4
Denso	11	0	11	10	127	-117	0

Welshpool Dominoes League

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A
Sunn Inn	6	5	1	29	13
Cock P/A	6	4	2	24	18
Powis Arms P/Q	6	3	3	21	21
Pinewood A	4	3	1	19	9
Pinewood C	5	3	2	19	16
Waterloo	6	3	3	17	25
Cock A	4	2	2	16	12
Social Club	5	2	3	15	20
Compasses	6	2	4	15	27
Celts	4	2	2	14	14
G/Dragon Butt B	4	2	2	14	14
G/Dragon Butt A	6	1	5	14	28

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A
The Real Railway	5	5	0	28	7
Breidden	6	4	2	25	17
Westwood Wand	5	4	1	24	11
Pinewood Dragons	5	3	2	21	14
Westwood	6	3	3	21	21
Talbot	4	3	1	19	9
Kings Head	6	3	3	19	23
Bowling Club	4	2	2	14	14
Muriels Bunch	5	2	3	14	21
Angel	6	1	5	13	29
Wellington	5	1	4	10	25
RAF Boys	5	0	5	9	26

Stonehouse Brewery Oswestry & District Dominoes League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Penybont Inn	3	3	0	0	15	3	6
Black Lion B	3	3	0	0	14	4	6
Cross Foxes	3	2	1	0	11	7	5
Top White Lion	3	1	2	0	11	7	4
White Lion	3	1	2	0	10	8	4
Black Lion A	2	1	0	1	7	5	2
Horseshoe	2	1	0	1	7	5	2
Station	3	1	0	2	9	9	2
Plas Yn Dinas	3	1	0	2	7	11	2
Railway Tavern	2	0	1	1	5	7	1
Bradford Arms	3	0	1	2	6	12	1
Black Horse	3	0	1	2	4	14	1
Barley Mow	3	0	0	3	3	15	0

Plas Yn Dinas 2, White Lion Llynclys; Top White Lion 5, Barley Mow 1; Penybont Inn 5, Black Lion A 1; Cross Foxes 4, Bradford Arms 2; Black Horse 3, Railway 3; Black Lion B 4, Station 2.

Golf returns

THE Seniors Medal at **Llanymynech Golf Club** was won by P Humphreys 80 -14 = 66 followed by J Cooke 77 - 11 = 66 and I Watkins 90 - 23 = 67.

The October Medal Division 1 winner was H Roberts 79 – 12 = 67 with Adam Hilditch 73 – 5 = 68 and Lewis Williams 79 – 11 = 68, second and third. Division 2 winner was T M Wilkinson 81 -15 = 66, and he was followed by M Chorlton 84 -17 = 67 and G Owens 81 – 13 = 68. A J Stanistreet 91 – 22 = 69 won Division 3 tracked home by D E R Jones 95 – 24 = 71 and John Line 94 – 21 = 73.

The Twenty Cup was won by A J Stanistreet and the result of the Xmas Competition (4BBB) was 1st A Gittens & J Turner 59, 2nd I Grivell & N Williams 61, 3rd D Humphreys & T Hammett 62. Ladies All Winners Salver (Play-off)was won by Ann Weetman 76 - 5 =71 with Tanya Cook second after a 91 - 15 = 76. Ladies Marie Martin Salver (9 holes)winner was Gwenan Davies 44 - 12 = 32 followed by Ann Weetman 36 - 2.5 = 33.5.

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At **Oswestry Golf Club** the Christmas competition number 1 was a Four Ball Better Ball Medal and Neil Wilson (8.7) & Peter Turner (11.7)* 60 came first out of the 37 teams. They were followed byd John Evans (4.5) & Graham Sayers (9.5)* 60 on countbackand Oliver Hughes (3.0) & Paul Huxley (15.2) 60. Fourth spot went to J Howard & M Williams 62 with Keith Osgood & Mark Hothersall 63 fifth and Joe Poole & Keith Probert in sixth spot after a score of 64.

Olympians off to winning start in league

Under-13 and under-15 girls teams are Hannah Pryce, Charlotte Pugh, Zara Baker, Cerys Davies, Kate Pugh, Anna Holbrook, Ellen Jones, Lauren Cameron, Molly Roberts, and Lizzie Williams.

OSWESTRY Olympians made a winning start to the Shropshire Young Athletes Cross Country League at Oswestry School Playing Fields.

A slight change of course was needed to accomodate the new 3G multisports pitches recently installed, but this gave rise to long uphill stretches and undulating terrain that challenged the athletes.

With a great team turn out in glorious sunshine, Oswestry came out winners on the day with the under-15 boys team leading the way with a huge points margin in their age group. Youngsters who are interested in running cross country should contact Tracy on 07903-479861 or look at the club website: **www.oswestryolympians.com**

Cross country training takes place at Gatacre Playing Fields from 11-12pm on Saturdays for children aged eight upwards.

There will be no training on Saturday, October 26, Tuesday, October 29 and Thursday, October, 31, due to the half term holidays.

Training resumes on Saturday, November 2 from 11am-12 noon at Gatacre Playing Fields, On Tuesday, November 5 from 6-7pm there is circuit training in Marches School Gym and on Thursday, November 7, from 5-6pm (Under-11s) 6-8pm (Under-13s upwards) in Marches School Sportshall.

Results: Under-11 Boys - Liam Rawlings 2nd, Jack Jones 3rd, Jamie Davis 12th, Ben Pierce 13th, Lloyd Richards 18th, Ollie Walsh 20th, Jamie Williams 21st, Jannick Jones 35th, George Chapman 37th. Team 2nd.

Under-11 Girls - Jessica Michie 9th, Elin Lloyd-Davies 11th, Mia Tate 26th. Team 4th.

Under13-Boys - Jacob Tidridge 4th, Matthew Collins 17th, George Osborn 19th. Team 6th.

Under-13 Girls - Ellen Jones 5th, Kate Pugh 7th, Molly Roberts 15th, Anna Holbrook 25th, Cerys Davies 30th, Lizzie Williams 31st, Katie Cameron 52nd. Team 3rd.

Under-15 Boys - Cameron Van Onselen 3rd, Ben Edwards 7th, Oliver Daure 11th. Team 1st.

Undeer-15 Girls - Kate Jones 6th, Hannah Pryce 8th, Zara Baker 11th, Charlotte Pugh 24th. Team 3rd.

Town stay top after battling to Rock draw

HIGH-flying FC Oswestry Town remain unbeaten in the Mercian Regional League division one – and two points clear – after emerging with a hard-fought goalless draw at Rock Rovers.

After dropping their first points the week before, Nick Maguire's side travelled to Shrewsbury looking to get back to winning ways but in the end had to settle for a share of the spoils.

Rovers threatened but keeper Broc Dawson was in fine form with help from defenders Matt Williams and Rob Shone keeping the hosts at bay.

The second half saw the game progress in the same way as the first with both teams playing good football.

Town wing backs Joe Evans and Carl Tomkins started to push further upfield creating chances for Williams, Dyke and Adam Jones, but were still unable to break the deadlock, while at the other end Dawson was also standing firm.

As the game reached the closing stages, the Oswestry side were desperate for a winner with midfielder Tom Stedman setting up chances.

However, the decisive goal proved elusive, leaving Town hoping to get back to winning ways when they entertain Oakengates Rangers at the Venue Park Hall on Saturday (3pm).

OSWESTRY VILLA crashed 4-1 at division one title chasers Childs Ercall who made it nine wins out of nine. Graeme Sutton's side – who host Brown Clee on Saturday – remain fourth, but are 10 points behind local rivals FC Oswestry Town.

OSWESTRY VILLA RES continue to look up in division two after recording a 3-1 home win over Albrighton Juniors that lifted them up to 10th spot. They will be confident of maintaining the climb at bottom club Denso on Saturday.

Pool's hopes of first season win dashed by two late tries

TWO late tries scuppered Welshpool's hopes of a first win of the season in rugby's Swalec League division three (north) as they slipped to a 36-19 home loss to Bangor University.

Pool, looking to clamber out of the bottom two, had been in the hunt for much of the game, leading 12-10 at half time before trailing 22-19 with just five minutes remaining.

But, as they pressed in the latter stages, the Maesydre side were caught on the break, with the students crossing twice to inflict a rather harsh scoreline.

Centre Phil Saunders had given Pool a 15th minute lead with a try, but the Bangor visitors hit back with a couple of touchdowns before the hosts regained the lead right on half time courtesy of No8 Ryan Goodwin, with Daley Jones converting.

The students were back in front soon after the interval with a third try and then crossed for another on the hour to take a 22-12 lead.

But Welshpool were in no mood to surrender, hitting back with a touchdown from fly half Dylan Walton, converted by Jones, to give them a realistic hope of taking the spoils.

However, it was not to be for Pool who now look to break their duck when they head to Porthmadog in the Swalec Bowl on Saturday.

COBRA suffered another barren day on their travels when going down 27-8 at rain-lashed Dolgellau.

Despite winning three times at home, they have now lost four on the road after stepping up to division one (north) this season.

A deluge at the start of the first half made the going tough, with water left standing on the pitch, and the Meifod men struggled to adapt to the conditions as Dolgellau made most of the early running.

The hosts went ahead with a penalty in the saturated conditions, COBRA levelled courtesy of an Alwyn Williams kick, but the home lead was restored when their big right wing powered over in the corner for an 8-3 lead.

COBRA rarely threatened in the first half, but did cross the line in one of their few raids when Williams took a quick tap penalty to level matters.

However, another move down the right brought a second try for Dolgellau who went into the half time break with a 15-8 advantage.The Llanfair Caereinion side had more of the game in the second period, but were unable to capitalise on their field position as Dolgellau scored twice more to wrap up the points.

With their solid front row, they held sway in the scrums and both tries came from set pieces five metres out, the first a pushover followed by a penalty score to clinch a 27-8 victory.

COBRA will be happy to be back at home on Saturday when they entertain Denbigh as they look to avenge a heavy defeat earlier in the season.

RUGBY
by John Bridgwater

COBRA forwards battle to win the ball in the mud

A COBRA player makes a break for the line in the heavy defeat against Dolgellau

There's no lack of effort from this COBRA player and he goes on the attack

Bailey hits three but late strike sinks Saints

KARL Bailey's hat-trick failed to stop St Martins from suffering a last-gasp 5-4 defeat at Hanwood United that left them three points adrift at the foot of the West Midlands League division one.

The Saints produced one of their best displays of the season but returned from Shrewsbury empty handed after harshly succumbing to a goal eight minutes into injury time.

They started well, Sam Nash giving the visitors a seventh minute lead when lashing a Bailey cross into the roof of the net, and then Bailey opened his account on 22 minutes to double the advantage.

A couple of defensive slips allowed Hanwood to level at the break through Matt Jones and Tom Reynolds, but the Saints were back in front seven minutes after the interval when man of the match Jamie Williams found Nash who crossed for Bailey to convert his second.

Matt Jones made it 3-3, and Grant Butler's header saw Hanwood get their noses in front but a penalty from Bailey to complete his hat-trick had it all square a 4-4.

The visitors looked set for a point before Callum Gwilliams fired a last-gasp winner for the home side.

Third's mixed team returns with one point from fixture

OSWESTRY Tennis club's third mixed team returned with just one point to show for their efforts after travelling to Whitchurch for an away fixture against a team from Hollies tennis club.

In the first round rubbers, the first pair of Carol Slater and Andy Field took the first set 6-3 against the opposing first pair but then dropped the second set by the same margin taking the rubber to a deciding third set tie break which they lost 0-1 (6-10).

The second pair of Linda Clark partnering Dave Armstrong played a very tight first set against the opposing second pair before losing it 5-7.

They then dropped the second set 2-6. In the reverse rubbers Carol and Andy won in straight sets 6-2, 6-2, despite Andy suffering a heavy fall on the now very slippery court surface.

Linda and Dave played yet another close set before losing it 4-6 but they then lost their way making too many errors to lose the second set 0-6 so the team came away with only one point.

In the game before that, the mixed team were handed a walkover as their scheduled rivals from Town Walls were unable to field a team, handing Oswestry the full eight points.

First home match on new pitch ends in defeat for hockey girls

OSWESTRY played their first home match at the new Oswestry School pitch, which behaves very differently to that of the Marches and they went down 3-0.

Having played Alderley Edge's third team in Division 3 last season, their 2s were an unknown quantity.

Alderley Edge were a fast, young team and they put pressure on Oswestry when the home team had the ball, quickly closing down the space.

Despite this, Oswestry were able to put their defence under pressure. However, Alderley Edge were also exerting pressure and this paid off when they pounced on a loose ball in the Oswestry 'D' to score the first goal of the game and this was how the teams went into half time.

Despite, best intentions, Oswestry were unable to turn things around in the second-half and Alderley's continued pressure was rewarded with two further goals despite the hard work of Oswestry in defence.

Oswestry generated a few further chances but were unable to find the final shot.

A disappointing result, sadly Oswestry could not find their normal fluidity and were this was reflected in the outcome. Oswestry have the chance to turn things around next week away at Lymm.

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Barton's on target as Guils grab home draw

TOP scorer Danny Barton continued his prolific early season form in the Cymru Alliance as Guilsfield hit back for a 1-1 home draw with Llanidloes Town.

The experienced campaigner, who also netted a hat-trick in the Welsh Cup the previous week, took his league tally to 11 when pouncing on a loose ball to fire the leveller with 15 minutes remaining.

It was the visitors who struck first blood seven minutes from half time when former Welshpool forward Jamie Breese was allowed to turn and bear down on goal before driving his shot into the bottom corner for a deserved lead.

Having to rearrange the side with Nathan Leonard and James Henderson both leaving the field with injuries, Matt Burton's men faced a tough task to retrieve the game in the second half.

Pressure

Llani went close after the break with goalscorer Breese hitting the post but, with conditions deteriorating, they stepped up the pressure and finally found a way through courtesy of Barton.

Rock bottom LLANRHAEADR's miserable run continued as they crashed 8-3 at home to Rhydymwyn after being downed by a late five-goal barrage.

Connor Kendrick gave improving Rhydy a 20th minute lead, but Rob Fox quickly levelled before Josh Wood put the home side ahead four minutes into the second period.

Although George Baxter equalised for the visitors, Llanrhaeadr were back in front with Wood's second of the game, only for Gary McConnal to level matters again on 75 minutes.

But the home side's hopes of much needed points were washed away in a late deluge, with Baxter sparking the goal rush with his second on 82 minutes to give Rhydy the lead.

Chris Guy then made if 5-3 on 85, before McConnal completed his hat-trick with further goals on 87 and 89 minutes before Kendrick's second from the penalty spot in injury time rounded off a remarkable finish.

Llanfair Res in the clear

LLANFAIR RES are eight points clear at the top of the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division one after goals from Aled Haynes and Ashley Davies clinched a 2-0 win over second placed Waterloo Reserves.

In Mitsubishi Two, Churchstoke's lead at the top was cut to a point after being held 2-2 at Waterloo Coltss. Bettws closed the gap following their 6-1 victory at Llanymynech.

Maesyrhandir beat Llansantffraid Reserves 5-4 while Four Crosses reserves went down 4-0 at home to Newtown Wanderers.

Guilsfield Reserves are through to the League Cup second round after knocking out favourites Caersws Reserves on penalties after the tie finished 2-2.

Cross Foxes get a brand new kit and logo

The Cross Foxes in their new kit. The old kit has been sent to Kenya for use by a school team

THE Cross Foxes are leading the charge in the Roche North Shropshire Sunday League – and now look the part after receiving a brand new kit, and new logo.

Andy Foulkes (Stan's Superstore) and Lee Barnfield (www.community-online.co.uk) have helped to fund the kit for the league leaders, while the club are also indebted to Nigel Thomas for the design of their new vibrant logo and organisation behind the new kit.

"I was aware that the Cross Foxes Football Club had won the Sunday League last season. I felt that their success needed a little recognition," said Nigel. Club manager Matthew Hardy added: "The team are very impressed with the new kit and we are all very grateful to the sponsors and organisers behind it."

The team have previously donated their unused kits to the Kenya Schools Project, who are extremely grateful. Attached is a picture of the kids enjoying one of our previous kits.

The Cross Foxes line up is from left (back): Andy Foulkes, Ryan Gibson, Darren Martayn, Adam Herbert, Richy Harris, Mike Lloyd, Ben Pierpoint, George Hughes, Lee Barnfield, Nigel Thomas. Front is Rich Hardy, Chub Hardy, Jamie Roberts, Leigh Waddingham, Joe Pierpoint, Ed Rogers, Matt Evans.

Morda go fourth after they hit five second half goals

FREE-scoring Morda rose to fourth in the Mercian Regional League premier division table after storming back in the second half to sink Madeley Sports 5-1 at Weston Road.

Trailing 1-0 at the break, Craig Rogers' side were not to be denied as they struck five times in the second period to record their third successive league win which took their goals tally to 18 in their last three fixtures.

Andrew Pugh put the visitors ahead in the third minute, but Morda then dominated the first half and found gaps in the Sports defence only to be thwarted on four occasions by keeper Tom Sheppard.

However, second half goals from Kevin McGarvey (2) Sam Litchfield, Adam Dwyer and Paul Hughes secured a comfortable victory for the hosts.

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

After a bright start, Morda were rocked when the unmarked Pugh opened the scoring from long range after just three minutes.

That proved to be the only first half threat to the home goal as the Weston Road side made the running, getting behind the defence with some penetrating through balls only for McGarvey, Scott Graham and Ian Heathcock to be denied by some superb work by Sports keeper Sheppard.

The unlucky Hughes also twice went close before his goalbound effort was saved.

However, six minutes after the break Morda finally beat Sheppard when a weak clearance was won and McGarvey fired home.

McGarvey then hit his second when chipping the keeper after again getting behind the Sports back four. Sam Litchfield headed home Shaheen Miah's corner for Morda's third, before a superb long range effort from substitute Dwyer produced Morda's fourth.

Hughes finally managed to get the better of keeper Sheppard with a neat sidestep and finish to complete the scoring.

On Saturday Morda hope to extend their winning run with a league fixture away to Whitchurch Alport Reserves.

Alport have the same number of points as their visitors but lie one place below by virtue of a vastly inferior goal difference.

WESTON RHYN got back to winning ways in the premier division with a 2-0 verdict at lowly Allscott courtesy of second half goals from Jack Hughes and Matthew Hardy.

Allscott, propping up the table, had the better of the first half but were unable to take their chances, and paid the price as Rhyn struck twice in the second period.

First, Hughes headed in from a corner and Hardy doubled the lead after Guy Guilford had unselfishly squared across goal after a good move from the back.

After several weeks on their travels, Rhyn – who are lying seventh in the table – now return home on Saturday when they host Madeley Sports, who were left reeling after their five goal defeat at the hands of Morda last week.

Rovers on a roll as they put eight past Bow Street

GOAL-happy Waterloo Rovers rolled on with an 8-1 hammering of Bow Street to stay in touching distance of the leading pack in the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

Steve Hole was again among the goals with a hat-trick, with Charlie Proctor weighing in with a brace while there were singles from Barry Haralambous, Ricky Litchfield and Scott Holly.

Bow Street had stayed in the hunt with a penalty that reduced the arrears to 2-1 before being blown away.

BERRIEW moved top on goal difference after seeing off Tywyn Bryncrug 3-1, Rhydian Morris scoring twice and Elliot Jones getting the other before the visitors pulled back a late reply.

Rebound

Previous leaders Carno lost pole position after going down 3-0 at Llandrindod Wells who maintained their 100 per cent record with a seventh straight win to underline their title credentials.

Ten-man FOUR CROSSES had a day to forget as they crashed 4-1 at Aberystwyth University whose Tom Sparks fired a hat-trick, his first when firing in the rebound after his penalty had been saved.

An own goal completed the woe for the visitors who had Tom Bailey sent off for his second booking in the first half.

Dylan Ellis provided one bright spot with a 25-yard reply.

DYFFRYN BANW picked up their first win of the season with a 3-1 verdict at Builth Wells while MONTGOMERY's revival continued with a 5-0 home drubbing of rock bottom Dolgellau.

LLANSANTFFRAID Village succumbed 3-1 at Aberaeron who took the spoils through goals from Mattie Davies, Gareth Severs and Gareth Evans.

Gethin hat-trick keeps United on heels of leaders

A CHRIS Gethin hat trick in the first half kept Llanfair United hard on the heels of the Spar Mid Wales League division one leaders with a 4-2 victory at derby rivals Welshpool Town.

It took just nine minutes for Gethin to open his account when sending a looping header into the net. But Pool were back on terms seven minutes later in a scramble following a tame Llanfair clearance that rebounded into the net off a home player.

However, the visitors regained the lead on 23 minutes through Gethin again, slotting in an Andrew Hughes cross after excellent play from Jones, before Luke Gethin increased the advantage on 33 minutes with a fine 20-yard strike. The Lilwyhites had their chances, but hopes of saving the game when Chris Gethin completed his hat-trick 10 minutes from time.

Pool continued to press, Martyn Ziemann missing a penalty and then saw his rebound saved, before Ross Harris did find the net with a second penalty in the closing stages.

Teams in kick out racism message

Three TNS players and the club mascot spread the anti-racism message in both Welsh and English before the match against Afan Lido

TNS are closing in on leaders after victory

TNS 3 Afan Lido 0

A BRACE from Alex Darlington and a stunning opener from Kai Edwards kept The New Saints hard on the heels of the Welsh Premier leaders with victory over lowly Lido.

The defending champions had to be patient as they strove for the breakthrough against their visitors who, having yet to win this season, defended deep with men behind the ball.

But once Edwards smashed the ball in from the edge of the box a minute before the break, the Saints were in total charge as they ran out comfortable winners to trim Airbus UK's lead at the top of the table to three points.

Three minutes into the second half, the lead was doubled when Darlington headed home from a Seargeant delivery, and the former Wrexham forward then added another in the 72nd minute, tucking the ball under Richards with a net close range finish to clinch the victory.

The Saints started well with Greg Draper, Jamie Mullan and Aeron Edwards all having early shots from close range but, with the visitors having everyone behind the ball, it was proving difficult for Craig Harrison's men to find a way through.

Chris Jones nearly opened the scoring when the former Swansea City winger managed to direct his curling corner onto the post before bouncing out.

The pressure finally reaped its reward on the stroke of the interval when Edwards found himself in space on the edge of the box before unleashing a fierce shot which gave keeper Richards little chance.

Comfortable

Any hope that Lido had of salvaging the game faded when they fell further behind early in the second half with Darlington's neat header.

Chances continued to come, Jones putting Mullan's cross just wide while Draper, at full stretch, fired Mullan's cross just over the bar.

However, Darlington then completed his brace from close in to complete a relatively comfortable afternoon's work for the defending champions.

Pierpoint leads way as leaders beat Keys

LEADERS Cross Foxes notched another victory to march on in the Roche North Shropshire Sunday League with a 4-1 defeat of The Keys.

Ben Pierpoint gave them a slender 1-0 half time lead with a shot from the edge of the box into the top corner and they doubled the advantage after the breaks when a Matthew Hardy cross from the right was turned into his own net by former Foxes' player Leigh Willis.

Carl Harris made it 3-0 on 65 minute when he rounded the keeper before Adam Herbert added a fourth with a penalty after he had been brought down by Richard Chamberlain.

The Keys pulled one back in the 83rd minute when ex-Foxes player Alan Ellis scored from the spot after he had been fouled by sub Ryan Gibson.

Grabbed

This win opens up a three point lead at the top after second placed MALPAS were held 1-1 at home by ATHLETICO MARKET.

Malpas took the lead on 20 minutes when a through ball from Andrew Parry found Lee Parry who rounded the keeper and slot home into an empty net, but Market grabbed an 80th minute equaliser when James Carsley fired home a free kick.

OAK INN moved up into third spot after winning 3-2 at THE LODGE, Liam Williams scoring twice and Dave Hartshorn getting the third. Tom Nash scored both The Lodge's goals.

Fixtures for Sunday, October 27. Athletico Market v Tavern FC, Cross Foxes v Lodge Inn, Oak Inn v Dudleston Heath, The Keys v Malpas.

Under 14's win thriller

OSWESTRY Boys Club under 14's recorded their first league win of the season after a hard fought contest away at Shrewsbury Juniors.

Oswestry made a good spell of pressure count when James Jarvis scored his fifth of the season on 20 minutes.

Brandon Rogers then got Oswestry's second when he chased a lost cause and out jumped the Shrewsbury keeper.

Shrewsbury got back in the game with 10 minutes remaining.

A hearts were in mouths when a Shrewsbury forward found himself one on one with seconds remaining, but, a superb save from keeper Owen Dean ensured Oswestry kept all three points.

Mixed bag for young teams

THE New Saints youngsters turned in some creditable displays in their latest round of matches, with the under-19s leading the way with a 3-0 victory over Aberystwyth Town thanks to goals from Rhys Cooper, Liam Walker and Taylor James.

The under-16s won by a similar margin at Airbus UK with Lewis Evans, Matt Perry and Nash Mwamuka on target while brace from Darren Evans helped the under-13s seal a 2-1 win over Prestatyn Town.

A superb hat-trick from substitute Tai Jones saw TNS under-12s draw 3-3 with Airbus UK but TNS under-14s went down 2-1 to their Airbus counterparts despite a Rob Reynolds goal.

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COBRA in mood to destroy Denbigh

COBRA's rugby players look to put the record straight when they host Denbigh in the Swalec Welsh League division one (north) on Saturday.

The Meifod men were well beaten 40-15 away to their opponents at the beginning of the month after sending a depleted line-up, but will be hopeful of an improved showing in the return.

While their fortunes away from home have been disappointing, COBRA can take heart that they have reeled off three victories on their own soil – and will be anxious to maintain that run as they bid to climb up to mid-table.

No8 and skipper Aled Davies could return from a broken hand to boost the cause, while fly half Llew Williams could also be included, but backs Sion Wyn Williams ant Matt Jones are both unavailable.

Without a win in division three (north), WELSHPOOL look for a change of fortune as they chase a first win of the campaign in Saturday's Swalec Bowl trip Porthmadog.

Pool can take heart from recent displays, which have seen them fall just short. Despite last week's 36-19 loss to Bangor University, the final scoreline was harsh after the Maesydre side had led 12-10 at half time and trailed 22-19 with just five minutes remaining.

OSWESTRY'S recent run of good form ended when they were beaten 31-11 at mid-table rivals Vagabonds in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two.

This Saturday, the Eagles are at home to Southport as they bid to bounce back from their third defeat of the campaign.

OSWESTRY II had no game as scheduled opponents Buxton II pulled out, with their next action in the North West League division four (south) being a trip to Broughton Park on Saturday.

Rovers set to continue win run

WATERLOO ROVERS are going great guns in the Spar Mid Wales League division one – and will fancy their chance of making it five wins on the trot when they head to rock bottom Dolgellau on Saturday.

Since their 4-0 loss at unbeaten Llandrindod Wells on September 21, Rovers have reeled off four straight wins, and have fired in 18 goals in the process.

After their 2-1 success at Llanfair United, victories over Aberystwyth University (5-1), Builth Wells (3-0) and last week's 8-1 drubbing of Bow Street, have lifted the Welshpool side up to sixth spot, and just five points off the pace.

There is no reason whey they shouldn't maintain the momentum this weekend at Dolgellau who have lost all 11 games this term, and shipped in 50 goals in the process.

Newly promoted LLANFAIR UNITED, lying a creditable fourth, bid to maintain their fine campaign with victory over visiting Aberystwyth University who, despite struggling on their travels could prove a tough nut to crack on home soil.

MONTGOMERY, who lifted themselves up to ninth with last week's 5-0 home drubbing of Dolgellau, will be out to maintain their revival at home to a Bow Street side reeling from their heavy defeat at Waterloo.

After losing their last two games following their fine win over title chasing Berriew, LLANSANTFRAID Village attempt to get back to winning ways in their tricky trip to second placed Carno.

● WELSHPOOL Town are one of three local clubs flying the flag in the FAW Trophy on Saturday when they host Llangollen in the third round.

Four Crosses, who have also had a mixed campaign to date, face a tricky trip to Chirk AAA while high flying Berriew visit Venture Community.

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Tough test for Morda

MORDA United boss Craig Rogers will be banking on more of the same as his side look to maintain their upturn in fortunes in Saturday's trip to Whitchurch Alport.

Three straight wins, in which they have rattled in 18 goals, have lifted the Weston Road side up to fourth in the Mercian Regional League premier division, and three points off the pace.

Their revival could face a stiff test this weekend as Alport have the same number of points as their visitors but lie one place below by virtue of a vastly inferior goal difference.

But Rogers believes his side can go into the game in good spirits after last week's five goal beating of Madeley.

"It was the best team performance of the season," he said. "We got caught cold in the opening minutes but, after that, we should have been 8-1 to the good at half time, but somehow found ourselves a goal down.

"But Once Kev (McGarvey) got the first it was always going to be a matter of how many.

"We have now won three from three, but have a difficult away trip to Whitchurch up next.

"With results elsewhere going in our favour, we have got ourselves back in the hunt and it's a case of trying to continue the consistancy we have found recently up until Christmas."

RALLY STAR JAMES IS CLASS CHAMPION

WELSHPOOL rally star James Watkins was popping the champagne corks on Llandudno promenade on Saturday afternoon, after clinching class titles in the Welsh National and Clubman championships at the Cambrian Rally

Facing treacherous conditions in the forests of North Wales, the rally featured several new stages that none of the crews had any experience of. But James tackled them head on for wins in class to spark the celebrations.

With Richard Suter alongside him in the Geoff Jones Motorsport Nissan Micra, the pairing were in for a day long battle with a fellow Micra driver after the class favourite was seen parked up on stage 4.

"We saw him in the stage and it threw our concentration with us nearly spinning!" said Watkins. "It meant we had a chance of third in the BTRDA Rally First championship, we just needed to get to the finish."

Despite knowing a finish would be good enough, the Powys Transport, Raven Inn and Barry Ford Painter and Decorator backed driver continued pushing on the final few stages.

"The second pass through some of the stages was rougher, and in a little car like our Micra it really does affect your driving style when you have to worry about the roads cutting up."

The last stage was the spectator friendly run around the Great Orme, and after completing the final few miles of the rally on tarmac the pair headed to the promenade for the finish ceremony where James became the Welsh Clubman and National Champion in his class, along with third in the BTRDA Rally First Championship despite only competing in selected events.

Celebration time! James and Richard pop the cork after a successful season

Hockey club hoping it's third time lucky

OSWESTRY hockey club were left on the sidelines for a second week running when visitors Colwyn Bay pulled out of their scheduled North Wales League fixture.

The week before, Dysynni were unable to raise a side, but the border club will be hoping for third time lucky this Sunday when they head to Rhyl.

Leaders

OSWESTRY Ladies slipped to second bottom in the Cheshire Womens League division two after losing 3-0 at home to Alderley Edge, their fourth defeat in six outings. They look to bounce back at Lymm II on Saturday. **Full report see page on Page 54.**

LLANFAIR CAEREINION went down 3-1 to early leaders Ruthin in the North Wales Ladies League division one, despite taking the lead through Mary Griffiths.

Saints are downed by Airbus in cup clash

AFTER seeing their Word League Cup dreams dashed at the first hurdle, The New Saints will be keen to ensure there is no hangover when they host GAP Connah's Quay tomorrow night (Friday) as they look to maintain their Welsh Premier challenge.

The Saints have dominated their previous home meetings with GAP, winning 14 and losing just once.

Victory tomorrow night would be a timely tonic after suffering a 2-1 quarter-final exit in the Word Cup at title rivals Airbus UK in midweek.

Defender Connall Rawlinson faces tests this week after being forced off with an ankle injury, while Ryan Fraughan and Sam Finley are also set to miss Friday's action with minor niggles.

Attitude

The defending champions currently trail high flying Airbus by three points in the Welsh Premier, so know there can't afford any slip-ups with the Winghakers also in action on the same night when they host Rhyl.

"Although we've done well against GAP, they've got a never say die attitude from the first minute to the last, so it is going to be a tough game," said Saints head coach Carl Darlington.

"It was disappointing to to out of the league cup as we want to win every game, but it was the least of our priorities, and we now need to move on and make sure we are mentally switched on for Friday night."

Ex-stars back in action

WELSHPOOL'S footballers of yesteryear will be turning back the clock in a special "Local Legends" clash in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care.

The likes of former Manchester City and Shewsbury Town striker Carl Griffiths, Shrewsbury's Peter Wilding and former Rochdale and Walsall ace Wayne Evans will be among those taking the pitch for Welshpool in a charity veterans game against Newtown at Latham Park on Sunday, November 3 (3pm).

It is hoped the match will become an annual fixture. All those taking part have played for either Newtown or Welshpool in the past with some going on to play in the English Premiership, English Football League while many were regulars in the Welsh Premier League.

Entrance for the match is £3 for adults, while children under-16s are admitted free if accompanied by an adult.

Before the main match, there will be a chance to shine as children's games involving under-nines and under-10s which get underway at 1.30pm.

Guils crash to shock defeat

GUILSFIELD'S unbeaten eight match run ended with a shock 3-1 midweek defeat at home to struggling LLANRHAEADR in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance.

Matt Burton's men were two goals down inside the first six minutes when Mark Griffiths fired in following a corner and defender James O'Reilly deflected into his own net following a defensive muddle.

However, moments later goalscorer Griffiths was sent off for foul and abusive language, giving the Guils a numerical advantage as they pushed to get back into the game. Despite down to 10 men, Llanrhaeadr increased their lead through Matt Jones on 54 minutes before top scorer Danny Barton bagged an injury time consolation with his 12th league goal of the season.

The Guils now face a tricky home clash Caernarfon Town in the first round of the Cymru Alliance Cup on Saturday as they look to bounce back, and could again be disrupted with defenders James Henderson and Nathan Leonard both struggling with injuries.

The timely victory lifted Llanrhaeadr off the foot of the Cymru Alliance - and will put them in good heart for Saturday's home tie with Flint Town United in the league cup.

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